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ELISHA EDGERTON AND ELISHA STEARNS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:1]

Sir

We recommend Capt Bildad Curtis of Coventry to be appointed a Captain in the troops to be raised by this State — Capt Curtis for several years commanded a Militia Company in Coventry with reputation to himself as an officer — and we have no doubt that he would do honor to the Service — — Capt Curtis is a man of regular & correct habits & principles

We are Most respectfully
Your Excellency's
Obed^{t} Serv^{ts}
ELISHA EDGERTON
ELISHA STEARNS

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire
HARTFORD Feb. 4th 1815
[Endorsed] Capt. Bildad Curtis Coventry — Captain —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SAMUEL W. DANA

[8:2]

State of Connecticut
HARTFORD 4. February 1815

Sir

I have the honour to transmit to you for the use of yourself and colleague copy of a resolution passed by the General Assembly at their late session on the subject of forming an arrangement with the General Government relative to the defence of the State —

I can only add Sir the expression of my entire confidence that the Senators and representatives from this state in the congress of the United States will be heartily disposed to afford their assistance and cooperation in effecting the important objects embraced by the resolution —

With the highest respect
I have the honour to be
Sir your ob^{t} & h^{m} Ser^{t}

Hon. Mr DANA —

The like to Mr DAVENPORT for the representatives —

[Endorsed] To Senators & Representatives — 4 — Feby 1815 —

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Dr Sir

By direction of the General assembly I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of certain resolutions adopted at their late session and am Dr Sir with great respect and esteem your obedient & humble sv^{t}

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CALVIN GODDARD AND NATHANIEL TERRY

[8:3]

HARTFORD 4. Feby 1815 —

Gentlemen —

You will herewith receive the evidence of your appointment as commissioners to form an arrangement with the national government relative to the defence of the state, pursuant to a resolution of the General Assembly a copy of which is thereto annexed.

The views of the legislature are so fully expressed in their resolution that any additional instructions would seem to be unnecessary. I shall therefore confine myself to a very few observations —

The administration are apprized, and if necessary you will bring it to their recollection, that the Sufferings of this state from the war have been greatly augmented by the presence of the National Ships in our waters. The heavy expence we have incurred in protecting them furnishes such a claim upon the justice and honour of the nation as appears irresistible. I am not aware however that it is the intention of the Assembly, if the arrangement shall in other respects be satisfactory, to insist rigorously upon the immediate repayment of the sums we have advanced. That the debt which has accrued in the prosecution

of the war should be explicitly assumed by the General Government is clearly indispensible; and the proper officers are directed to forward to you its amount, so far as the same can at the present moment be ascertained —

The employment of the militia and the command of them when in Service will probably be brought into discussion. You will feel no hesitation, Gentlemen, in disclosing very frankly to the President the sentiments of both the People and Government of Connecticut upon that subject, and in stating distinctly the little prospect which now presents itself, that the right to controul our Militia, *as claimed by the National Executive,* will in any event be recognized.

It is desirable you should act in concert with the commissioners from the other states represented in the late convention as well as with the senators and representatives from this State now at Washington; and if to accomplish the purpose of your mission an application to Congress should become expedient, you will consider yourselves authorized to make to that body such a representation as the rights and dignity of the state shall require.

It is also advisable to keep a regular journal of your proceedings/ and whenever it is found most convenient to hold a personal conference with the national agents on the points of adjustment, to reduce the substance of it speedily afterwards to writing, in order that you may be enabled to present a correct report of the course as well as issue of the negotiation —

Information from time to time of your progress will be highly acceptable —

Wishing you a safe and prosperous journey
I am with the greatest respect
Gentlemen, your obedient
and humble servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

The Honourable CALVIN GODDARD
and NATHANIEL TERRY Esqr —

[Endorsed] Instructions to the Hon. C. Goddard & N. Terry Esqr &^{c} Copy —

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:4]

State of Connecticut
February 6. 1815.

General Orders

A General court martial, of which Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Seth P. Staples is president, was held at New Haven on the 6th and 7th days of January last, by order of the Brigadier General of the second brigade, for the trial of Captain Caleb Thompson of the 10th regiment of infantry charged with defrauding his men in the payment of their wages and with unofficerlike conduct —

The Prisoner was heard at large in his defence and the court came to the following result — to wit — "The court after due consideration of the testimony find the prisoner Capt. Caleb Thompson Guilty of both the charges exhibited against him, and sentence him to be reprimanded in such manner as the Commander in chief may think proper to direct. The court having found Capt. Thompson guilty, feel however bound to say that from the evidence he appears to be a good officer, a man of good moral character and of unblemished reputation for integrity, and that he fell into the error he has committed in consequence of the solicitation of an officer high command and one to whom he had been accustomed to look not only for orders to govern his conduct as an *officer,* but to whom he had a right to look for an example of correct and honourable conduct as a *man.* The court therefore beg leave to recommend the said Capt Thompson to his Excellency the Commander in chief for a pardon and total remission of said punishment. But the court sensible of the strict integrity and nice honour which ought to characterize an officer, and feeling how injurious is the imputation of fraud to the honour of a soldier, have felt constrained after mature deliberation to pronounce the prisoner guilty."

The Captain General, having examined and duly considered the whole record, has thought proper to approve of the proceedings of the court. and the same are hereby approved accordingly.

—

It is seen with equal surprize and concern that the trial of Captain Thompson has implicated the conduct of another officer who has lately held a distinguished command in the service of the state. The Captain General regrets that this officer, by withdrawing himself from the jurisdiction of a military tribunal, has prevented a legal investigation of the facts, and has thus avoided the opportunity of evincing his innocence, if indeed he *is* innocent, of a charge which so deeply affects the character of a soldier and of a man of honour. In his Commander, the private soldier should ever find the faithful guardian of his rights; and surely if there is one crime which a high minded officer would more scrupulously avoid than another, it is that of withholding from the troops under his command, any part of the small compensation allowed them for hazarding their lives in defence of their country.

It is ordered that Captain Caleb Thompson be released from his arrest; and that the General court Martial whereof Colonel Seth P. Staples is president be dissolved.

JOHN COTTON SMITH.

[Endorsed] General orders — Court Martial 2nd Brigade — Trial of Capt. Thompson — 10. Regt Infantry — Copy —

HORACE BEACH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:5]

FORT WOOSTER 6th Feby 1815

Sir

Your Excellencys Genl Order of 22nd Feby was recvd by me on the 24st after which I was in hourly expectation of receiving the pay for the troops under my command — On the 28th I recvd the following from the P. M. General

NEW LONDON Feby 25th 1815

Sir

I recvd orders from his Excellency that all the troops would be dismissed immeadetly which I suppose you have recvd the same I send you by Esqr Cleveland the necessary blanks for your company which you will please have filled & signed by your souldiers, they must be duly mustered & you will have a

servant mustered for each of the Commissioned Officers I put on the recept Rolls, perhaps you can send them back to me by Esqr Cleveland who is attending the Circuit Court—or—if you have any friend who you can trust with the Money I will send the amount as soon as I receive the receipt Rolls & other papers Necessary you will please be carefull that their is no mistake in the muster-Rolls I shall want 3 sent me & 2 pay rolls for the United States & 2 receipt Rolls for the U. S. I would have sent you some Money but I have recv^{d} none from the Treasurer yet

Yours with respect
Ll Hez Goddard P M G^{L}

on the receipt of the above
I wrote him the following

F^{t} Wooster — 28th Feby 1815

Major H Goddard

Sir yours of the 25th was this day recv^{d} — According to the General order I dont see as I can consistently muster the Men under my command untill the day on which they are to be paid — That part of the order relative to their being discharged is this "They will accordingly on the receipt of this order and payment of their wages be considered as discharged" — I will have the rolls filled and, and signed by the Men (leaving the date blank) so that I can complete them at a short Notice, when the pay is ready I wish you would attend to it as soon as possible as we are all verry anctious to be discharged Yours verry respectfully

Horace Beach
Leu^{t} Commanding

yesterday I received the following in answer to the above ——

New London March 2^{d} 1815

Sir

I have recv^{d} yours of 28th Feby last — I was gone to Stonington or it would have been answered sooner — I wish you to understand that I am not obliged to go to each detachment to pay the Officers and Souldiers I will pay when they present their receipt rolls, either by mail or otherwise as they shall direct

— I shall not consider myself at liberty to pay you and souldiers for any further time after a reasonable time for you to muster and make out your recept rolls after receiving them from me, which was sent you the moment that I had any orders — If you are obliged to Travel after your pay the Q. Master's department is bound to pay you according to the rules of the U. S. regulations — I may leave this for Hartford on Tuesday morning next but I am not certain that I shall go I wish for your receipt rolls before that time you can send them by Monday mail Yours with respect &C

HEZ GODDARD

In answer to this I wrote him as follows

FORT WOOSTER 5th March 1815

Sir

Yours of the 2nd is recvd — If you dont know that I am not bound to *Travel* after the Money to pay the Troops under my command. I Give you the information — Further I can inform you that I have no right to leave my post without orders, and that I have no inclination to do it. My Orders are explicit, to discharge the troops when *paid*. And I shall not do it before, unless I have orders to that effect —

You well know the consequence of discharging Troops without pay, and if they should have to wait your pleasure 10 or 20 days after the date of the Rolls and before paid, who is to pay and subsist them? ——

I shall write the Governor uppon the subject, and shall take orders from him

Yours

HORACE BEACH

Leut Commanding

I consider your Excellencys General Order verry explicit, as respects discharging the men before paid — And before I answered the first letter of the Pay Master-General I Consulted the Honbl E. Goodrich, Colol Staples and a nuber[sic] of other Gentlemen whoom I supposed publically acquainted with the subject, and they all agreed with me on this, that I had no more right to discharge the Men under my command without their

pay, than I had without the Order If your Excellency will direct me what course to to take you will much oblige

your humble and
Obed^{t} Servant
HORACE BEACH
Leu^{t} Commanding

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Sharon

[Endorsed] Lieut. Horace Beach Com^{d} Fort Wooster — de pay of troops — 6. March 1815 rec^{d} 10th — D^{o} — answ^{d} D^{o} — other papers enclosed

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:6]

MIDDLETOWN Feby 8th 1815

Sir

Soon after the present Congress commenced its session, I wrote to my friend Mr Dana, suggesting some notions respecting an arrangement which might be made with the General Government, for relieving this State of part of the burdens of war which pressed heavily — My suggestions related to two subjects chiefly — The employment of Troops by the State to be paid by the United States & the supplying this State with ordonance to be purchased from the United States. Mr Dana in answer remarked that he doubted whether he could with Propriety even attempt to *feel of of the Executive,* without first knowing the wishes & views of your Excellency & as I did not think it worth while to trouble yr Excellency with the crude Notions of an inexperienced Individual, nothing further was said by either of us on the put Subject. I have however this day received a letter from Mr Dana enclosing a Copy of some questions put by him to the Ordonance Depart^{t} & also stating a fact & a half way opinion, which I presume y^{r} Excellency will not be displeased at seeing —

The fact & opinion are as follows—

"Contracts have been made for delivery of fresh Guns this

year — some are to be delivered on North River — I understand that a number of pieces with Carriages for field Service, probably may be ready & would be loaned or perhaps sold (if desired) to Connecticut some time in June next"

Y^{r} Excellency will see by the annexed questions & answers that if those Guns can be had as suggested by Mr Dana, they will come much sooner, than can be purchased elsewhere — & I think Yr Excellency would prefer having a part of the Debt due this State, paid in ordnance rather than United States Stock.

I am with great respect
Yr Excellencys most
Obed^{t} Servant
CH: WHITTELSEY

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Copy

Ordn^{e} Dept — WASH^{n} Jany 26. 1815

Sir

The assis^{t} Com^{y} Genl being in attendance with the board of Officers in military business, I am instructed by him to reply to the several questions which I had the honor to receive from you personally yesterday, as follows

Quest^{n} 1 — What Calibers of Guns are preferred for field Service? Ans^{r} — Light Six & twelve pounder Cannon & five & 8/10 inch (or 24 pounder) howitsers

Ques^{n} What weight of Cannon is required for each pound of Shot? Ans^{r} For the field 100 pounds; — for battery 100,,3,,00

Ques^{n} Can Iron Cannon either cast or wrought, be employed to advantage as field Artillery?

Ans^{r} Good cast iron guns are preferable to brass

Ques^{n} What is the estimated expense for Iron cannon of either Caliber, with carriage & apparatus complete Ans^{r} The present & highest prices for Cannon are

for 6 pnds — 70 Dls each
12 D^{o} — $140 — D^{o}
24 pd Howits 60 — D^{o} —
for Carriages as follows —

for 6 pnds $280 each
12 D° $320 — "
24 D° Howits $320
I have the honor to be Sir yr mo Ob st
Mo Morton Capt
& D^y Com^y
Honb Mr Dana
Senate US —
N B — The equipments are omitted as the prices depend on the places where they are made & of course varying — & are of inconsiderable importance in any general calculation" —
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon Connecticut Single
[Endorsed] Col. C. Whittelsey 8. Feb^y — 1815 — rec^d 11th —
de ordnance of U. States &c —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:7]

NORWICH 7th February 1815

My dear sir

Yesterday I had the honor to receive your Excellency's favour of the 31st Jan^y — — — & in conformity to your wishes have this day written to Asa Willey Esqr of Ellington for a return of choice of officers in the Volunteer Exempts of that town, which took place on the dismissal of Levi Welles Esqr — as no such return has ever been made to me — nor had I any knowledge of the fact before the rec^t of your excellencys letter — — — I am not disapointed that the state should hesitate respecting raising troops at this time of extreme embarrassment in obtaining funds — but it is obvious that if troops are necessary to defend our coast, that inlisted men are more efficient & less expensive than militia detachments

I am dear with much esteem
very sincerely yours
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Via New Haven Chelsea Landing Feby 7
[Endorsed] Adj^{t} Genl Huntington

CHAUNCEY GOODRICH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:8]

HARTFORD Febr.ry 9. 1815.

Dear sir,

By the request of the Revd W. Lockwood of Glastenbury I mention to you that He will be pleased with the appointment of Chaplain in the corps about to be raised.

Any further information that may be required I shall be able to give when I have the pleasure of meeting your Excellency at the session of the Council.

I am Dr Sir,
very respectfully y^{r} Obed^{t}
& Humble Servant
CHAUNCEY GOODRICH

His Excellency
Govr SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] Lt Govr Goodrich — recommending Revd Mr Lockwood as Chaplain &c

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[8:9]

SHARON 11. Feby 1815

Sir —

Agreeably to your desire I immediately drew on the Comptroller in your favour for $2500 — of which he assured me he would duly advise you —

The late act of Assembly regarding Horse artillery I presume will meet the views of the 2nd troop 3rd reg^{t} cavalry. I am desirous of establishing one of the companies in that vicinity, and

although authority is given by the act to *detach,* I should greatly prefer a *voluntary tender* of service — — The Troop already mentioned will probably have an opportunity, in the course of the next week, to examine the act of the legislature and should they feel disposed to volunteer, the offer will be accepted with real satisfaction. The Q. M. General is making the necessary preparations to render this species of force effective early in the ensuing season — To that officer I communicated your proposition for mounting cannon — But he has already I believe closed his contracts — If not you will doubtless hear from him —

After due inquiry I have concluded that Capt. Farrand is on the whole entitled to his pay and you will accordingly adjust it with him deducting the time he was absent from his post —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient & humble Ser^t
J. C. S –

Major Goddard p. m. General —
[Endorsed] To Major Goddard P. M. General 11. Feby 1815

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO BENJAMIN DOUD

[8:10]

Sharon 11. Feby 1815

Sir

Your report for January arrived here during my absence at the late session of the legislature —

You will consider the force under your command as placed for the immediate defence of Fort Fenwick. Any operations therefore which are not intimately connected with this object must be evidently improper. Hence with or without your consent it was altogether unjustifiable in your men to volunteer on the occasion to which you allude. I am happy to perceive that you disapprove of such irregularities and that you are determined to prevent a repetition of them in future —

Expecting to hear from you again in the course of the present month I am Sir your

obedient servant —
J. C. S —

Lieut. Doud —
[Endorsed] Lieut. B. Doud — 11. Feby 1815 —

DAVID DAGGETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:11]

WASHINGTON 11th Feby 1815

Sir.

I had the Honour to receive your letter of the 4th Inst. inclosing the resolutions of the Legislature of Connecticut proposing several amendments to the Constitution of the United States. No opportunity has yet been embraced to confer with my Colleague, and the Representatives in the House of Representatives, on this important subject.

I have the honour to be
very respectfully your
obed^{t} ser^{t}
DAVID DAGGETT

His Excellency Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Connecticut. fm DAVID DAGGETT
[Endorsed] Hon. Mr Daggett de amendments of Constitution — —

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:12]

His Excellency John C Smith
Sir

In my Letter of application for a Major Appointment in the new guard,— — forwarded by Col. Staples—I pray to be understood by your Excellency, that, should *my claim* be found of *minor merit* — — to other applicants for the same grade — I might *still remain* an applicant for an appointment of the *sam* [sic] *grade* as that of my present standing. — — my present situation is growing too *inactive* for a *military man.*

I am very respectfully
your Excellency's
Ob^{t} Servt

KILLINGWORTH
Febuary 13th 1815

AMAZIAH BRAY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Governor of the St. of Con^t Sharon Killingworth Feby 13th

[Endorsed] Capt. Bray — de commission —

RECOMMENDATION OF THOMAS BELDEN

[8:13]

To his Excellency John C Smith Esquire,
Governor of the State of Connecticut,

It being represented to us that Mr Thomas Belden is about making application for a commission in the Corps to be raised for the defence of this State, we whose names are under written, being acquainted with Mr Belden, would state to your Excellency that he is a Gentleman of fair character, of respectable connexions & standing in Society, and that in our opinion, he will do honor to any command, which may be conferred upon him.

NORWALK 13th Feby 1815

HENRY BELDEN
JON^A KNIGHT
CLARK BISSELL
WILLIAM S^T JOHN
SYLVANUS HAIGHT
M^R JA^S LAMBERT
SAM^L B SHERWOOD

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq. Hartford Saugatuck 22th Febu^y

[Endorsed] Thomas Belden applicant for commission — Norwalk —

MONTHLY RETURN OF A CORP OF INFANTRY

[8:14]

Monthly Return of a Corp of Infantry in the
Service of the State of Connecticut Stationed at

Fort Union Black Rock Under the Command of
Leut John W Hanford from the 15 Jany 1815 to the
14th Feby Inclusive

[statistical table omitted in this publication]

Sick in Hospital Isaac H Osborn private from the 23^{d} Jany to the 2^{d} Feby Ab^{n} M Wheeler Fifer from the 30 Jany to the 2^{d} Feby John Godfrey from the 4th Feby to the 8 D^{o} — — . David Croft from the 4th Feby to the 11th Elezer Willson from the 7 to the 14 Feby Joseph Bulkley Ser^{gt} from the 2^{d} to the 14th Feby. Corp^{l} Winthrop Willson from the 7 to 14th Inclusive the above described Men have been Sick with the Meazles (Mostly Recoved) — —

Amunition how disposed of (from the 15 Decr 1814 to Feby 6 1815 Discharged 29 Small Arms to Clean them Feby 13. 1815 Discharged one 12 w^{t} Cartrage p^{r} Order Co^{l} G Burr (in honor of the peice news) Same day Discharged 3 Six poude [sic] & 3 Eighteen pound Cartrages of the United States Amunition in honor of the Great and Glorious piec news (those last mentioned Cartrages was presented by the Committ) & they are holden if any error Committed in So Doing Discharged on the 20th Feby Ephraim B Beers Second Serg^{t} James Jorden Ser^{gt} who was detach^{d} to Supply his place Reported himself to me on the Same day

I certify the within & above to be a True Return of a Corp of Infantry Under my Command for the Second Monthly Report Ending on the 14th Feby 1815

John W Hanford Lut Com^{t}

[Superscribed] His Exelency John Cotton Smith Esqr — Sharon Con — Fairf 15 Feby

[Endorsed] Lieut. J. W. Hanford. Report — Feby 1815

ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:15]

Bridgeport Feby 18th 1815

Dear Sir

I have recev^{d} your Excellencys favour of the 11th int Conserning the organiziation of a Compny of Horse artiliry in the Reg^{t}

of Cavalry anexed to the 4th Brigade — — the news of Peace has created a Suspition in my mind wheather your Excellency will pursue this matter at this time believing theirfour that I Could obtain your Excellenys answer in time to render this Service I have defered any Selection until I Can further know your Excellencys mind — — Should your Excellencys Conclude to make this arrangement I would Suggest the propriety of detaching the first Company on acct of the Local Situation — the probability is this Company would about half Volunteer the other oppose and if the question Should be put to Volunteer and a Majority not obtained to order after that would in my opinion have a bad tendensy it would create animosity — — and distroy the harmony in the Company it is theirfour Clearly my opinion that an order at first will be preferabe to runing the hazard of Trying the minds to Volunteer notwithstanding my opinion your Excellencys directions will be Cheerfully put in to Execution — — —

I have the honour to be with
high Consideration your Excellencys
Huble Servt — — —
ENOCH FOOTE — — — —

His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Sharon

[Endorsed] B. Genl Foote— de Horse Artillery 18. Feby 1815 answd 4th March

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[8:16]

HARTFORD 21. Feby 1815 —

Sir —

It is my desire that you make immediate arrangements to discharge the wages of the troops in service — I would now forward a general order for their dismission; but as the Council will convene in this city tomorrow I deem it respectful to lay the subject before that body — You will doubtless receive in-

structions in form by next mail — Meanwhile it is advisable to be so far in readiness as to prevent any unnecessary delay — I know not the exact seum you may still require for this object. I propose therefore unless you arrive before my departure to leave with the Comptroller directions to furnish you with Such an amount as will be sufficient to meet the expenditure — — with my congratulations on the restoration of peace — I am Sir respectfully your obedient

& humble servant

J. C. SMITH —

Major GODDARD P. M. G.

[Endorsed] To Major Goddard P. M. Gen[l] — 21. Feb[y] 1815

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY

[8:17]

Organization of new corps —

3 Comp. Infantry — 1 Capt. 2 Liut. 1. Ensg. 4. Serg[t] 4 Corpl. 2 drummers 2 fifers — & 96 privates — — — — — — — — 112 — —

3 Comp. Artillery — 1 Capt. 2 Lieut. 4 Serg[ts] 4 Corporals 2 music — — 44 privates — — total 57 —

1 Lieut. Col. Com[t] & 1 Major Infantry 1 Artillery

Staff —

1 Adjutant 1 Paymaster — 1 Quarter Master — 1 Serg[t] Major

1 Quarter Master Sergeant —

1 Chaplain — 1 Surgeon — 1 Surgeon's mate —

Council of the State to meet 22nd Feb[y] — — —

[Endorsed] Minutes of the Council of Safety 3rd Feb[y] 1815

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:18]

State of Connecticut —

HARTFORD February 22nd 1815 —

General orders —

The Commander in chief having received satisfactory information that hostilities have ceased between the United States and

the United kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, has thought proper to dispence with any farther service from the troops now on duty under the authority of this state, wherever they may have been stationed for its protection. They will accordingly on the receipt of this order and payment of their wages (which the Pay Master General will cause to be done without delay) be considered as discharged — —

The Commandants at the several posts are required to render a strict account of the ordnance, arms, munitions of war and all other public property in their custody to the Quarter Master General; and that officer will make the necessary dispositions for their preservation.

The Commander in chief would do injustice to his feelings should he forego the present opportunity of congratulating his brethren in arms on the termination of the war, and of tendering to them his warmest acknowledgments for their honourable and faithful services in defence of the state — — —

By order of His Excellency the Commander
in chief — —

[Endorsed] Gen[l] Orders — 22. Feb[y] 1815 disbanding the troops sent to — Q. M. General P. M. General — Lieut. B. Doud Lieut. H. Beach Lieut. I. W. Hanford & to the Commandant of the guard at Stonington —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HEZEKIAH GODDARD

[8:19]

HARTFORD Februay 23. 1815 —

Sir

Pursuant to a resolution of the General Assembly passed at their late Session you are hereby directed to pay Such of the militia of this state as served under orders legally issued between the 1st May 1813 and the 1. January 1814 and as are entitled to pay & yet remain unpaid and you will see that the amount is charged to the United States — The object of the resolution is to pay those bodies of militia who were brought into the field on sudden alarms within the periods above mentioned — whose services were recognized by the Genl. Govern-

ment & whom their pay master engaged to satisfy — but which has never been done —

I enclose the General orders mentioned in my last — to wit a copy for yourself, one for the Commandant at Stonington and one for the Commandant at Saybrook which you will be so good as to cause to be delivered — and whatever expense may acrue you will charge to the Q. M. department

I am Sir your very obt Srtt

[Endorsed] To Major Goddard Copy — 23. Feby 1815

CALVIN GODDARD AND NATHANIEL TERRY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:20]

George Town Feb,y 25th AD 1815

His Excellency John Cotton Smith

sir,

We arrived here on the 15th Instt to make an arrangment with the Government of the United States, pursuant to your instructions, respecting the future defence of the State — The treaty of Peace with the British Government, arrived here, one day before us; and it's retification has happily put an end to the principal object of our mission, by putting an end to the war, from the pressure of which we sought for protection. Since our arrival, a Bill has passed the Senate, without opposition, which in our judgment will prevent the necessity of any further application, at present, respecting our reimbursment for past expenditures — We have waited untill today, hoping to have been able to advise your Exellency of this Bill having been concurred in, by the House of Representatives — It was made the order of the day for Thursday, & postponed untill this day, & now has given way to other business. It will probably meet with opposition, but we think will become a law — Our confidence in this is founded, in no small degree, upon the fact, that other States are more interested in its provisions, than Connecticut or Massachusetts — It is possible that the short time which remains of the Session may occasion a post-

ponement, but we have full confidence that provision will be made by law for the claims of Connecticut —

We have been in daily expectation of receiving from the proper officers, vouchers to support our claims; but as yet are disappointed — This is less to be regretted, as in case of the passage of the Bill refered to, a copy of which we do ourselves the honour to inclose, it will be perceived that an Act of the Legislature of the State, accepting Stock in full satisfaction, will become necessary before we could avail ourselves of it's provisions —

On the whole we have concluded that our longer continuance here to wait, either for the accounts, or the passage of the Bill, cannot be important to the interest of the State, & shall commence our journy home on Monday next — This indeed should have probably ventured to do earlier, if the indisposition of M^r G — had not rendered it difficult for him to travel — We cannot but avail ourselves of this opportunity to felicitate our Country, your Excellency & ourselves, upon a termination so happy, not only of our mission, but of the multiplied evils & sufferings of our Country by the termination of an unhappy war which gave rise to both — And to rejoice that not only our liberties but our free constitution have been preserved through a war which in it's progress & conduct at one time threatened to demolish the pillars on which it rested —

With the sentiments of the highest respect and
Consideration, we are your
Excellency's Obd^t and
very Hble Serv^ts
CALVIN GODDARD
NATH^L TERRY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Hon. C. Goddard & N. Terry Esqr Commissioners &c. 25. Feby 1815 rec^d 8. March D^o

[8:21]

Printed copy of A Bill introduced in the Senate of the United States February 10, 1813. Omitted in this publication.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CALVIN BARBER

[8:22]

State of Connecticut —

To Calvin Barber Esq. Lt Col. Com^t of the 18th regiment militia —

Sir

Pursuant to your recommendation and at the request of the individuals who composed the fourth company of artillery in the late Military corps of the State I have thought proper to form them (with the exception of those living without the limits of the first brigade) into a company of militia artillery, to annex them to the 18th regiment under your command and to allow them their present uniform until further orders — You are therefore hereby required to cause legal notice to be given the applicants aforesaid (excepting as aforesaid) to meet at such time & place as you shall designate for the purpose; and when so met, you will lead them to the choice of such commissioned and non commissioned officers as by law are necessary to organize the company completely, and make returns of the choice of commissioned officers to the next General Assembly —

Given under my hand at Sharon
the 7th day of March AD 1815 —

[Endorsed] Order to Col, 18th Reg^t de Artillery comp^y

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[8:23]

SHARON 4. March 1815 —

Dear sir —

Your favour of the 18th Ult^o — arrived whilst I was at Hartford — or it would have received an earlier notice —

The restoration of peace is indeed a subject of heartfelt congratulation — But that event in my opinion ought not to relax our endeavours in the slightest degree towards the improvement of the militia by every practicable method both in their organization & discipline — I shall particularly lament an omission to sieze the favourable opportunity which the legislature have

afforded us of adorning as well as strengthening our military system by the introduction of flying artillery — I propose accordingly to lose no time in converting from companies of cavalry into Horse Artillery pursuant to the Act of Assembly. It is very desirable that one of these companies should be located at or near Bridgeport — and I do hope a company or a majority of it, will voluntarily offer to be thus organized — There are so many troops of cavalry in the state who are desirious of this distinction that I am unwilling to detach any one by a peremptory order — If no one therefore shall present itself from the limits of your brigade I shall feel it my duty tho' much against my inclination to make a selection from those who court the service wherever they may happen to be situated — Have the goodness D^r sir to sound the feelings of the cavalry under your command & apprize me of the result —

With sincere regard I am Dr Sir
your obedient & humble ser^t
J. C. S —

Brig^d Genl Foote —

P. S. Your letter of the 12th ult^o announcing the news of peace was duly received. Altho' the pleasing intelligence had previously reached me, you are not the less entitled to my warmest thanks for your politeness & attention —

FROM OFFICERS IN THE 18TH REGIMENT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:24]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Captain General & Commander in chief of the Militia of the State of Connecticut. —

Sir

The undersigned, Commissioned and staff Officers, belonging to the 18th Reg^t of Connecticut Militia, are informed that the individuals which composed a company of Artillery raised under the act of October 1813, & commanded by Captain Sereno Pettibone, have applied to your Excellency to be established as an Artillery Company, and annexed to said Regiment. With united pleasure and approbation, we should view any

measure, adopted for the wellfare of the militia of this State, and of the harmony and prosperity of the Regiment, in which we have the honor to serve. But Sir, we do sincerely beleive, that if this application is granted, it will destroy that harmony which has always existed in this Regiment, and will extinguish that military ardor and ambition, which none but the Soldier feels.

In support of this opinion we deem it proper to state a few facts. The 18th Regt is small in number, and already have two companies of light Infantry attached to it. None of the Companies have there complement, and if the grant is made, several will be reduced to a number so small, that it will excite no other emotions, than those of chagrin, & mortification, in their Officers.

But if your Excellency beleives, that the interest of the State require an augmentation of Artillery, & that Capt Pettibones Company have a claim to a grant, we request that a time and place may be designated, when and where we may be heard in support of this remonstrance.

Simsbury March 6th 1815.

Philander Case Captt 1st Com
James Cornish Lieut 1st Comp
WM Cornish Ensign 1st comp
Oliver Filley Capt 8th comp
Ebenezer Shepard Lieut 8th Compos
David Pinney Ensign 8 Comp
Elihu Holcomb Lieut 7. Company
Erastus Roberts Ensign
Joel Clark Capt 3rd Company
Hervey Skinner Ensg 3d Company
John Viets Capt. 7th Company
Abner Case Liut 2d Light Inft Company 18th
Sterling B. Dibble Liut 1d Light Inft Comp 18
James Huggins JR Capt 6 Company
Stephen Case Ensign 2 Company
Loin Humphrey Liut 6 Comp
Asahel Bliss Ensign Do
Gad Curtis Lieu 4th Company

JARED MILLS JUN^{R} Cap't 4th Company 18 Reg^{t}
RALPH DYER Ensign 4 Company 18 Reg^{t}

The undersigned commissioned Officers belonging to the first Regiment of Cavalry in this State, and residing within the limits of the 18th Reg^{t} of Infantry, do agree to the foregoing representation. SIMSBURY March 6th 1815. —

AUSTIN PHELPS Capt
JOSEPH PINNEY 2nd Liut
ASAPH FULLER 1st Liut

[Superscribed] His Elcelency[sic] JOHN C SMITH Esqr Sharon C^{t} Canton, C^{t} 7th March

[Endorsed] Remonstrance of officers in the 18th regiment — 7. March 1815 rec^{d} 15th answ^{d} 18th

MOSES HAYDEN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:25]

To His Excellency &c —

sir, The repeated importunities of the Officers and Soldiers of my company have induced me to solicit your Excellency, that (if practicable) we may be continued in some shape or other as an Indepenent Company. I have not seen the Officers of the Corps generally, but as far as I have knowedge much anxiety prevails — patriotic young men who in many instances have expended their all to equip themselves are unable to get new Uniforms at present & feel great reluctance in returning to their various Companies on that & on other accounts. If the Corps at the approaching Session of the Legislator cannot or will not be continued as Infantry or converted into Artillery — I would then at this time apply that this company might be annexed to the 25th Regiment if not as Infantry then as artillery or Riflemen

I would humbly request of His Excellency to be informed regarding the above

With great regard I remain
Your Excelencys
Obed^{t} Humble
Ser^{t}
MOSES HAYDEN

BARKHAMSTED (WINSTED)
March 7th 1815 — — — — —
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Capt,,
Genl &C — Sharon Winchester Ct 9th March
[Endorsed] Capt. M. Hayden 7. March 1815 recd 25th!! answd
Do

PETITION FROM OFFICERS OF MILITIA

[8:26]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Governor and Commander in chief in and over the State of Connecticut —

The Petition of the Subscribers (being Commissioned & Noncommissioned officers of the 3d Company in the 27th Regt of Connecticut Militia) humbly Sheweth, That whereas the Volunteer Artillery Company in the Town of Guilford are about to be discharged from Duty, we the Subscribers being desirous that the Brass Field pieces belonging to the sd Company may be retained in said Town of Guilford, Pray Your Excellency that the said 3d Company may be formed into an Artillery Company and be furnished with proper Ordinance for an Artillery Company, and also that the Commissioned officers of sd 3d Company may Receive Commissions proper for an Artillery Company And also we the Subscribers would further Certify your Excellency, that the Privates belonging to sd 3d Company are unanimously agreed to Equip themselves with suitable accoutrements for an Artillery Company as we in duty bound Shall ever pray

SAMUEL H STONE Capt BENJAMIN BRADLEY Lieut. DAVID PARMELE Ensign	Commissioned Officers
GEORGE A. FOOTE JOHN HOTCHKISS JOEL TUTTLE SAMUEL S. NORTON WILLIAM H. HUBBARD LEVERET CRUTTENDEN RALPH P. CHITTENDEN	Noncommissioned Officers

[Superscribed] JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Governor of the State of Connecticut — Sharon —

[Endorsed] Capt. S. H. Stone &c. Guilford — de artillery C^{o} without date rec^{d} 10. March 1815 answ^{d} 18th

HORACE BEACH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:27]

NEW HAVEN 10th March 1815

Sir

I had the honor of writing your Exellency on the 6th Instant giving coppys of letters which had passed between the Pay master-General & Myself — On the 9th the P. M. General arived in Town and informed me that he was ready to pay off the Men under my command — I immeadetly had them Mustered and he paid us in the Course of the day, the Men are Now all discharged and all the public property which was at the Fort returned to the Ass^{t} Q. M. General in this place I am Sir Your

Excellencys obd^{t}
Servant HORACE BEACH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Sharon

[Endorsed] Liut H. Beach 10. March 1815 rec^{d} 17th informing me troops are paid —

JOEL MATTOON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:28]

To his Exellency John C Smith

Sir

I take the liberty to apply to your Exellency for a Discharge fron Military Duty on the following Grounds firstly I have ben for a long time afflicted with a pain in the Brest (Occasion^{d} by a Sprain) which at intervales has Excluded me from my Regular bisness, Secondly in the fall of 1814 I entered the Service of the State as *orderly Sergeant,* in the corps raised for the Defence of this harbour — under Liut Horace Beach

in which Corps I Served untill honourably Discharg^{d}, upon the statement of the above facts I ask your Exellency To Excuse me from being enrolled as a privet in the Militia

and Obliege Your Excellenceys
Most Obedeient
and Humble Serven
JOEL MATTOON

NEW HAVEN
14 March 1815

The signer of the above *Joel Mattoon* is in my Opinion a Man of strict veracity — He served with Me as above stated and acquited himself to My entire satisfaction

HORACE BEACH

NEW HAVEN 16th March 1815

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon

[Endorsed] Mr Joel Mattoon N. Haven 16. March 1815 rec^{d} & answ^{d} 25th

[8:28]

[inside leaf — handwriting of J. C. S.]

SHARON 25. March 1815

Sir

Your letter is received. Before I can grant your request it will be necessary for you to procure a recommendation from the Colonel of the regiment founded upon a certificate of the Surgeon that your disability is such as ought to exempt you from military duty —

I am Sir your ob^{t} Sv^{t}

GEORGE W. JEWETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:29]

SAYBROOK March 15. 1815.

His Excellency John Cotton Smith

Sir, The State Corps, by the termination of the war, with Great Britain, is no more. In consequence of which, the Soldiers

of the Company which I lately commanded, are very solicitous to know their Destiny. After the expence and trouble encountered, the sacrifices made, and Services rendered, they think it would be a great piece of Injustice to compel them into the Infantry. They appear to be willing and desirous (indeed I presume there would not be a dissentient) to be organized as Militia Artillery, with the privilege of choosing their own Officers — and be attached to the 7th Regiment or to the 2d Brigade — Some provision I have no doubt will be made at the approaching Session of the Legislature; but as there is an annual muster of the Militia previous, and as the Dispositions of many of the Militia Officers is to oppress the State Corps all in their power; it is a question of serious consideration to them, how they can avoid being fined on the first Monday in may next.

Your Excellency's suggestions on this subject
will much Oblige
Your very Obedient Servant
GEO. W JEWETT

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Sharon Conn
[Endorsed] Major G. W. Jewett de artillery compy recd 25. March 1815 answd Do —

SETH P. STAPLES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:30]

NEW HAVEN March 17h 1815

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith
Governor of Connecticut.

Sir, Your letter of the 4h inst is recd. Sickness in my family & the Death of one of my Children are my apology for not answering your Excellencies letter more punctually — In my opinion it would be acceptable to have 2 Troops of Cavalry Detached to serve as horse Artillery in this Brigade & should two be taken should recommend the 1st & 4h Troops — If but one it taken should recommend the 1st Troop, with liberty to recruit within the bounds of New Haven

I remain with esteem & respect
Your Exc^{y} Most Obt S^{t}
S. P. Staples

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Esq Govr of Connecticut Sharon Conn^{t}

[Endorsed] Col. S. P. Staples 17. March 1815 de Horse artillery —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JARED MILLS, JR.

[8:31]

Sharon 18. March 1815

Sir

I have received your letter enclosing a remonstrance signed by yourself & other commissioned officers of the 18th regiment, against the formation of an artillery company within the limits of that regiment — I regret the communication did not reach me at an earlier day, as I should readily have postponed a decision for the purpose of hearing what might be urged against the measure . . I was not aware, especially after the explicit recommendation of the Lt Colonel commandant that any objections existed to the proposed arrangement —

At the meeting of the Council on the 22nd Feby last it was recommended to the Captain General by that Honourable body to increase one corps of Artillery — and particularly to avail ourselves of the skill & experience acquired by the late artillery companies in the state troops by forming them into militia artillery if they should express a willingness to be so organized — In these sentiments I fully concurred — When therefore the members of the late 4th Company in the state artillery made a voluntary tender of their services, supported by the recommendation of the colonel — and when I perceived that no artillery company was attached to the 18th regiment, I could not but consider that the strength & respectability of the regiment would be essentially augmented by yielding to their request — and an order was issued accordingly exempting from its operation those individuals of the company who lived without the limits of 1st big^{d}

I trust Sir that you and the other gentlemen will on further reflection view the subject in the same light — and in any event that you will conceive me to have been actuated by no other motive than a sincere desire to promote the best interests of the militia —

You will be pleased to communicate this letter to the officer who joined you in the application and to believe me respectfully Sir your

obt & humble sert

J. C. S —

Capt. Jared Mills Junior

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SAMUEL H. STONE

[8:32]

Sharon 18. March 1815

Sir

I have received a communication signed by the commissioned and non commissioned officers of the 3rd company in the 27th Regt of militia requesting that the company just mentioned may be formed into an Artillery company and that the officers may be commissioned accordingly —

It is very desirable that our corps of Artillery should be increased especially on the sea coast but no authority is vested in the Captain general to convert an *organized company of infantry* into artillery — If a Sufficient number of individuals can be obtained by enrolment without injuring materially the infantry companies and this fact is certified by the Lt Colonel Comt and the measure recommended by him, I shall cheerfully issue an order to organize them into an artillery company. This is the customary & legal mode of accomplishing the object. I highly commend the laudable spirit manifested by the present applicants and sincerely regret that it is not in my power to comply with their request —

I am Sir your obedient &
very humble servant

Capt. S. H. Stone —

[Endorsed] To Capt. S. H. Stone — 18. March 1815

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE W. JEWETT

[8:33]

SHARON 25. March 1815 —

Dr Sir

Your letter of the 15th postmarked 20th inst. is received — On the return of peace I felt a strong solicitude for the fate of "the Military corps" — and laid the subject before the council at the meeting of that body on the 22nd February last — Various expedients were Suggested but on the whole so many difficulties occurred it was thought the Sovereign authority of the legislature alone could remove them — It appeared however to the council as well as to myself very desirable to avail ourselves of the skill & experience which the State troops had acquired *and particularly the Artillery* by Suffering them to be organized into select bodies in the manner prescribed by law & attached to the militia. Accordingly when the members of the late 4th comp. of state artillery commanded by Capt. Pettibone enrolled themselves (officers & men) and petitioned to be formed into a militia artillery company & annexed to the 18th regiment and produced a recommendation & request from the Lt Col. Comt to that effect, I did not hesitate to issue an order for that purpose & directed them to be led to a choice of officers But the measure has since drawn forth a spirited remonstrance from a large proportion of the commissioned officers of the regiment — Their objections indeed possess no weight. They only serve to show the degree of irritation which the subject has awakened — and the importance of proceeding with caution until some definite arrangements shall be made by the legislature

I am clearly of opinion our corps of artillery should be increased — and especially near the Sea-coast — There appears to be no company of that description annexed to the 7th regiment and I should suppose every individual in that regiment would be proud of such an addition to its strength & respectability. — I would therefore recommend a consultation with the field officers of the regiment & perhaps the captains of infantry in the vicinity, on the expediency of forming an Artillery company from the one lately under your command — If on such consultation the Colonel will add *his recommendation*

to *an enrolment & application of the individuals* (the course usually pursued) I shall with great pleasure issue the necessary orders for their organization —

I am Dr Sir respectfully your
obedient & humble Ser^t

Major Jewett —

[Endorsed] To Major Jewett —

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:34]

State of Connecticut

March 28th 1816

General orders —

A board of General officers have reported to the Commander in chief that in their opinion the following towns should comprize one brigade of Infantry pursuant to the "act for forming and conducting the Military force of this state" to wit—
Hartford, Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, Canton, East Hartford, East Windsor, Farmington, Glastenbury, Granby, Simsbury, Southington, Suffield, Weathersfield, Windsor & Middletown; which report is under consideration. The Commander in chief is desirous of obtaining the opinion & advise of the Brigadier Generals and Acting Lieutenant colonel commandants of Infantry within those limits (*adding thereto the town of Enfield*) relative to the most expedient method of forming the infantry therein into four regiments, the number prescribed by the act. The officers just mentioned will accordingly meet at Ripley's inn in Hartford on the [left blank] day of April next at one 'o'clock in the afternoon; and when thus assembled will constitute a board at which the Senior Brigadier General present will preside. They will confer together upon the subject above referred to them & report their opinion thereon at as early a day thereafter as may be convenient —

The Adjutant General is instructed to be present, and to furnish the board with such documents in his hands as may assist them in forming a result — —

By order of the Commander in chief —

[Endorsed] General Orders for 1. Brigade—28th March 1816 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO MOSES HAYDEN

[8:35]

SHARON 25. March 1815

Sir —

By some unaccountable delay your letter of the 7th instant is but this day received —

I confidently hope the legislature at their approaching session will make an arrangement respecting the late Military Corps that shall be at once satisfactory to them & to the Militia —
It is very desirable that the state should avail itself of the skill & experience acquired by that respectable body of troops. Under this impression I have already organized by advice of the council, one of the late companies of State Artillery into Militia artillery. But the measure appears to have produced considerable uneasiness to many officers of the regiment to which it is annexed. Their objections indeed possess no real weight. They however serve to show the degree of irritation which the subject has awakened, & to indicate the importance of proceeding with caution until some definite provision can be made by the Genl Assembly —

The proposition to form your late company into a corps of riflemen is peculiarly agreeable to me — — That species of force is mentioned in the act of congress regarding the militia passed in 1792 — but our laws seem to have prescribed no mode of organizing it — Its efficiency has been abundantly demonstrated during the late war, and there is the highest reason to believe the legislature will take early measures to incorporate so valuable an improvement into our military system — I believe Sir we must wait patiently until the Subject can receive a legislative consideration—That body will undoubtedly be disposed to do ample justice to the reasonable claims of every class of our citizens —

With sincere regard I am Sir
your obt & very hm Sert

Capt. HAYDEN —
[Endorsed] To Capt. Hayden

WILLIAM SHERMAN, JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:36]

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith
Govr of the State of Connecticut
Sir

I beg leave to state to your Excellency that I enlisted in the 2nd Com^y^ Gov^rs^ Foot Guards in the spring of the year 1798, and have punctually served in s^d^ Company in the capacity of private and non commissioned officer untill the present time, making a term of nearly seventeen years — — — that in March 1810 I was chosen Clerk of said Company, and that since the late resolve of the General Assembly augmenting the number of the Company, which began to take effect at the same time that I was appointed Clerk, my duties have been peculiarly arduous requiring a much greater portion of time than has been devoted by any former Clerk; and at least double to what is required of either of the Commissioned, (our worthy Maj^r^ Comm^d^ excepted) non Commission, Officers, Musicians or privates in s^d^ Company, — for I am not only obliged to attend on all days of training and inspection, which for the last 5 years have not been upon an average less than 7 days in a year; but to attend all meetings of the Commission Officers and of the Company — — — to make and keep a true record of all thier proceedings — — to make out and call the roll — — — — — to enroll all recruits and furnish cirtificates of the same to the Captains of Militia Companies — — — to report all members for neglect of duty — — — to distribute notifications of fines and penalties — — to collect all fines and taxes — — to settle and pay all accounts of the Company — — to render an acc^t^ of the same annually and to furnish certificates to the Listers of Six different Towns for the exemption of polls.

I would further state to your Excellency that I have now (with the exeption of two individuals) become the oldest member in s^d^ Company, — — all who composed s^d^ Company at the time I enlisted, by various means are now exempt from military

service, except the two heretofore mentioned (one of whom is the Maj^{r} Comman^{t}) and thier places have been filled by younger men 7 of whom have passed from the ranks over me to Commissions, and I have now arrived to that period of life in which the duties of my station have ceased to afford that sattisfaction and pleasure which has been hitherto enjoyed; and inconsequence of so long a service much additional expence must necesarily be incurred to renew my Uniform dress, should I be obliged to perform my customary duties the ensuing year, which on acc^{t} of having a numerous family of young Children to support I feel unable to defray. — — I therefore beg your Excellency to take my case into consideration and grant me a discharge from military service, or if your Excellency should deem it expedient, delegate to the Chief Officer of s^{d} Company the power to do the same.

I have the honor to be Your Excellencys most
Ob^{t} Servt
W SHERMAN JU^{R} Clk
2^{d} Com^{y} Gov^{rs} Foot Guards
(answer)
SHARON 30th March 1815

Sir

Agreeably to your desire & the recommendation of Major Bradley & Capt. Bishop I now enclose your discharge from military duty, and am Sir your ob^{t} & hm Srt.

J. C. S — —

Mr W. SHERMAN JR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Govr of the State of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] Mr Wm Sherman Jr clerk 2nd Com. Guards — requesting a discharge — granted 30. March 1815

JAMES PECK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:37]

City NEW HAVEN 4th April 1815

John C. Smith Esqr

Sir

The object of the present is to request of your Excelency to

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grant me a discharge from the Seccond Comp^{y} G. H. Guard^{s} in which company I hold a Commission as Seccond Liutenant

I have now Sir to state to your Exc^{y} my reason why I wish a discharge I have but one but one it is this. That I have lost all my Military ambition that I ever had (which to me sir is a searious reason) & to remain longer in the company with these feelings I am sure would not be for the Honor of the company or my self either — & Sir I assert to your Exc^{y} that never was born to command but to be commaned — — this realy the case, that I have no military turn Surely you will consider my case & grant my discharge. by doing which you will confir a great bessing — on Your Humble Servant

JAMES PECK

P. S.

Sir your answer to this & fixing my destiny I would thank you to answer soon as you can with convience to your Self

[Superscribed] His Excelency JOHN C SMITH Governour State of Conn Sharon

[Endorsed] Js. Peck 2 Lieut. &c. requesting a discharge 4. April 1815 answer intra

LUTHER PECK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:38]

HARTFORD April 6. 1815

His Excellency
Govr Smith
Sir,

I have done military duty in this state for about twenty years, & for the last twelve years I have been a member of the Governours Horse Guards in this town. I have now the honor to be Cornet in said company —

I am by trade a Blacksmith, & have a wife & three children dependent on my personal labor for support. If I remain in the company my expences will be so great as to deprive my family of many conveniences, & I fear necessaries of life — —

I therefore hope Your Excellency will be good en° to discharge me from further duty in said company — — —

Your Ex^ys obed^t Servant
LUTHER PECK

[second page]

Major Buck has requested me to make known to Your Excellency his wish that this applicant may be dismissed from the guards. He is really poor, & his family require all his earnings — —

In addition to which it may be stated that he drinks intemperately. That he is by no means agreeable to his brother officers. And that his character & standing in society render him an undesirable member of the company —

Will Your Excellency please to inform us if Mr Peck is to be discharged in season either for him to be equip^d for service, or for the vacancy to be filled before May? —

With great respect
Your Excellency^s Obed^t Servt
JOS. TRUMBULL

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] Luther Peck Cornet 1. Com. H. Gu^ds resignation — Accepted 15th April 1815 & same day sent order to Major Buck

PETITION FROM SECOND COMPANY OF STATE ARTILLERY

[8:39]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire Governor of the State of Connecticut — — —

The Petition of the undersigned members of the Second Company of State Artillery

Humbly Sheweth, — — —

That in consequence of the happy termination of the War, between this Country & Great Britain, they are anxious that said company should be annexed to the seventh Regiment under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel John Brainerd 2nd — — as Militia Artillery, and hereby volunteer their services, for

that purpose, and request Your Excellency, to take such measures, as are necessary to effect their reorganization
Dated at HADDAM this 12th Day of April 1815. — — —

LINUS PARMELEE, JR.
THOMAS CHURCH JR
NOAH CLARK, JR.
GEORGE KELSEY JR
SAMUEL KELCEY
ROSWELL BRAINERD 2ND
JOHN E PARMELEE
NATHAN GLADWIN
JAMES KELCEY
EPHRAIM WARNER JR
REVILO CHAPMAN
SIMON KNOWLES
SAMUEL CHURCH
HENRY RICHARDS
ANSEL BRAINERD, JR.
HORACE SMITH
ASA HIGGINS
SILVANUS BROOKS
ALVA SHAYLOR
ISAAC R. SHERMAN
DAVID CHURCH
DUDLEY CLARK
JAMES CHURCH

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES PECK

[8:40]

SHARON 14th April 1815 —

Sir

I have recd your letter of the 4th inst. requesting a discharge from the office of second Lieutenant in the second comp. of Govr Horse guards —

The reason and the only one you assign is a distrust of your qualifications for command — Your own declaration to this effect

may and probably does result from that modesty which usually accompanies merit — and seems to be at variance with the opinion expressed by your associates in elevating you to office — With this view of the subject I deem it improper at present to comply with your request —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob^{t} & hm. Ser^{t}

Mr J^{S} Peck —

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:41]

Killingworth
April 15th 1815

His Excellency J C Smith
Sir

Some Anxiety exists in the 2nd company of State Art. recently under my Command — as It respects their futur[e] destiny — — I have supposed that no Desposition of the State Troops generally would be made untill the meeting of Legislature — — this Company are very much averse to going back into the Malitia — but would much prefer remaining a Company as might naturally be expected — —

Will Your Excellency permit me to inquire whither the State Troops will be considered as remaining under their former officers untill there has been a *General Order Issue*^{d} or whether they may *now* be considered as *liable* to be called upon to do *Duty In the Militia* without further notice &c — —

I am very respectfully
Your Excellency's
Ob^{t} Servt — — —
A Bray

P S. Could there not be a Battalion of Artillery — organized from connecticut river to New Haven which with the Battalion — now orgonized at New Haven would complete a Regiment of Artillery on the Shore

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Governor of

Connecticut Sharon 11 Killingworth April; 14th
[Endorsed] Capt. A. Bray — 15th April answd 29th

LINUS PARMELEE JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:42]

HADDAM April 17th 1815

Sir,

At the earnest solicitation of the members of the second company of State Artillery resideing in this place, I have taken the liberty of enclosing to your Excellency, a petition, drawn up by them, volunteering their services, as militia artillery and requesting that the company to which they belong may be annexed to the 7th Regmt. under the command of Lieut. Col. John Brainerd 2nd

It would have been pleasing to the 2nd Company, if the Battalion of Artillery had been preserved entire under the command of a Major: but as the 4th Company has been annexed to the 18th & the 1st about to be attached to the 7th Regiment, they also feel anxious to be secured the privilege of performing militia duty as artillery. The company was raised within the local limits of the 7th Regement, and can with more convenience be annexed to that, than any other Regmt. in the State. There exists a peculiar anxiety among the members of the Company, not to be disbanded, but to be permitted to do duty in the manner, in which for more than two years past they have been accustomed. Having acquired some knowlede of their duty as artillerists, they cannot but think, that in that capacity, they shall be more useful to the State, than in any other of a military nature, and are willing to submit to some inconveniences incident to their local situation, rather than be disbanded, & consequently liable to be called into the militia companies from which some of them were enlisted. If any company can claim this privilege in consequence of services rendered the State during the late war, I believe that I do not hazard any thing in zaying[sic], that the claims of the second Company of Artillery are as great as any company in the State —

It is apprehended that there will be no objections on the part of

the officers of the 7th Regmt. I have conversed with Colonel Brainerd, Maj. Shipman and a number of other officers of the regmt, who are all united in saying that they shall consider the 2nd Compy of Artillery as a valuable acquisition to the regiment.

I should have forwarded to your Excellency a line from Col. Brainerd signifying his entire approbation that the compy should be annexed to his Regmt. but he is now at New Haven —

A similar application will I understand be forwarded to your Excellency from that part of the 2nd Company residing in [the] town of Killingworth — —

I am very respectfully
Your Excellencies
Obdt. Servt
LINUS PARMELEE, JR.

His Excellency Govenor SMITH
Sharon

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH, Esqr
Govenor of the State of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] Linus Parmelee Jr 17. April 1815 — answd 22nd
Application, artillery —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LINUS PARMELEE, JR

[8:42A]

SHARON 22. April 1815 —

Sir

I have received your letter of the 17th instant with its enclosure —

A decision on the application will of course be postponed until the communication from Killingworth to which you refer shall have come to hand —

I am Sir with much
regard your ot & hm. sert

L. PARMELEE JR Esqr

ANDREW KINGSBURY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:43]

Treasury office HARTFORD April 24th 1815

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir

I have paid of the debts of the State

due to the Eagle Bank	25000, — — —
Phoenix d°	7000, — — —
Hartford d°	10,000
And part of 50,000 — — d° d°	25000
	$67,000, , — — —

have also avanced to Jared Scarborough Esqr Q M General (without your Excellencys draft) Two thousand Dollars for use of his department and feel confident that all demands on the Treasury before the June Tax falls due can be paid — — I have renewed part of the 50,000 Dollar note for 70 days from the 10th Instant believing the same may be paid by that time out of the avails of the June Tax — — —

I am Sir with due respect your
Excellencys most obedient and
humble serv^t A KINGSBURY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon

[Endorsed] Treasurer Kingsbury 24. April 1815

TIMOTHY MITCHEL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:44]

WASHINGTON May 4th 1815

Sir The Barrer Capt Nahaniel Ferrand having applied to me for a recommendation for a Discharge to Brigadier Ge^l Garret Smith I gave him one — — he Didnot Discharge him on the account of the General Order — — he is the one that their was some Dispute of getting his pay when Called into service the Last year I Believe that it was generally thought it was Best to wink at it pay him and Let it go — I Do therefore think it would be for good the C° and for Military if your honour should Discharge him — — — washington Generally think So altho he is a very Clever Man — — I an[sic] Sir your obedient & humble Servt

TIMOTHY MITCHEL Lieut
Co^{l} 29th Reg^{t}

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH
Capt General In
& Over the State of Connecticut

DANIEL B. BRINSMAID TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:45]

WASHINGTON May 8th 1815 — —

Sir Capt Nathaniel Farrand has been to Genl Smith for a discharge he says he cannot give him one. I believe it would benefit the company to have him discharged he wished me to write a line to your Excellency stating my opinion — His Lieu^{t} is a very prompt officer — my father says he inform^{d} you of many particulars about Capt Farrand which is not necessary for me to mention — I am in haste your

Excellencys humb^{l} Ser^{t}
DAN^{L} B. BRINSMAID

His Excel^{y} JOHN C SMITH — —
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Hartford

THOMAS HUBBARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:46]

MIDDLETOWN 9th May 1815.

To
His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir/

The period for which the State Troops were enlisted having expired, being desirous of a discharge from military duty, I beg leave to tender my resignation of the Commission I hold as Captain of the 3rd Troop of Cavalry — —

Should the Troops be reorganised in any form, presuming the present Lieutenants will be advanced, I take the liberty of

naming Mr Parsons Coe a Sergt in 3d Troop as a very suitable person for a Commissioned Officer. — —

Respectfully
Your obt Servt
THOMAS HUBBARD

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Hartford S. T. Hosmer Esqr:
[Endorsed] Captain T. Hubbard —

GARRIT SMITH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:47]

WATERTOWN May 8th *1815*

May it please your Excellency

Since the receipt of your general Order of the 20th last June upon the subject of discharges from military duty I have conformed my practice to it & but two discharges have been granted by me this season.

I have had a few aplications of such a nature as seem to demand some consideration, although not within the limits of your Excellencies order, and at the particular request of the aplicants I take the liberty to state thier case to you.

the first is of the Captain commanding the 8th Company 26th Regiment — — — a worthy good man & equal to his office but possessed of very little property, with a numerous & increasing Family and is under the necessity of assisting his Aged father and cannot with justice to his Family expend the money his office requires.

— — — the second case is of the Lieutenant 4th Company same Regiment — — there is a disagreement between the Captain Ensign & Lieutenant and between the Lieutenant & the Corps — — he is also unfortunate in some of his habits, and it seems somewhat necessary that some change should be made to restore harmony to the Company. — — —

the third case is of the Ensign belonging to the Lt Infantry Company 16th Regiment — — — the Colonel writes that the Ensign is in indigent circumstances — has a sickly wife &

several small children dependant upon him alone, and that he cannot support his Station unless he with-holds from his helpless Family thier scanty subsistance.

should your Excellency think proper in these cases to grant a dispensation from the general rule, and can find leasure from the press of more weighty affairs to Honour me with an answer by the mail which will close next Tuesday evening, I will grant the discharges and issue orders directing a new nomination in time to have those who may be chosen commissioned at the approaching session of the Legislature.

with the highest respect your Excellencies
most obedient & very humble servant
GARRIT SMITH — — Brig^{r} Genl
8th Brigade

[Superscribed] To his Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esquire Governor of the State of Connecticut Hartford p favour Judge Whiting

[Endorsed] Genl. G. Smith 9. May 1815 de dismission of certain officers &^{c} Answ. intre —

PETITION FROM KILLINGWORTH

[8:48]

His Excellency John C Smith
Governor & Captain General of
the State of Connecticut

The Undersigned members of the late 2nd Company of State Artillery Respectfully represent to Your Excellency, that the time of service for which Said Company were enlisted having expired by the happy termination of the war, they will again be called upon to do Militia Duty — — — After having been at great expence In providing the Equipage & Uniform presented by Law — & after having bestowed much time & Attention In acquainting themselves with the duty & excerise of Artillery, they Earnestly solicit of Your Excellency that they may remain and do Duty In the Militia as Artillerists — — — — — — they also represent to Your Excellency, that such is their local situation, that It is attended with great Inconvenience and is

almost Impracticable for them to do the ordinary Duty of Militia without a different arrangement In the Local Situation In Company — — — That about 24 of the Company reside In the Town of Haddam a distance of 20 miles from the Usual place of parade of said Company — the roads bad & over an uneaven & ruff Country — — that the Attendance of that division of the Company residing In Haddam — at Killingworth or those at Killingworth — East Guilford & West-Brook — — Attending at Haddam is attended with a most burdensome Expence — An Expence not Less than 4 Dollars for each man on Each Day of Exercise a greater sum than by Law they would be liable to pay for neglect of Duty — — — another Serious difficulty Exists in the frequent removal of the Ordnance so great a Distance & over a Ruff & uneaven Country & bad roads which could not be done for a Less Expence than 10 or 15 Dollars on each accasion of the meeting of said company — and would soon prove ruinous to the Mountings & Harness of the Ordinance — It is also found Impracticable to have that dicipline & opportunity for Improvement In a Company where the Members are at so great a distance from each other — — — & on Sudden Emergencies can In no way be assembled

Wherefore the undersigned pray Your Excellency to cause the following arrangment to be Made — agreable to the Several Petitions accompanying this — — Viz — that, that division of the Company residing In the Town of Haddam may be formed Into a separate Company to consist of Members sufficient to Exercise & man one Piece of Ordinance & attached to the 7th Regt — — — and that the other division residing In the Town of Killingworth Societies of West-Brook & East-Guilford — might be Reorganized Into an Artillery Company with such additions as Your Excellency may deem proper — — —

Killingworth
May 10th 1815

Amaziah Bray
Ely A Elliott
John E Bray
Henry Wilcox

Isaac Redfield
Nath^L Wright
Reuben E Hinkley
Nath^L Stevens
Philip Hill
Joseph Hull
Abraham G Hill
Grarad Mills
Henry Denison
Zina Denison
Daniel B Wright
John Chalker
Jedediah Kelsey 2^d
Eli Graves
John Pierson
Samuel Dibbell
Jedediah Buell Jr

[Endorsed] Representation from Killingworth —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GARRIT SMITH

[8:49]

Hartford May 13. 1815

Dr Sir

I have received your letter of the 9th instant. The cases to which you refer I submit entirly to your discretion, feeling as I do a perfect confidence in your prudence & judgment. You will therefore grant or refuse discharges to the officers you mention as shall appear to you advisable

Capt. Farrand of the artillery has applied to me for a discharge. The reasons assigned by his friends are *somewhat peculiar* but in my viw wholly satisfactory — You will be pleased to dismiss him accordingly & issue the necessary orders to fill the vacancy —

I am Dr Sir

Genl G. Smith

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:50]

State of Connecticut
General Orders

HARTFORD 13. May 1815

A General Court Martial, of which Lieut. Col. Com^{t} Elisha Hall is President was held at New Haven on the 24th & 25th days of February last by order of the Brig^{d} General of the 2nd Brigade for the trial of Isaac Benton Quarter Master of the 2nd Reg^{t} of Cavalry under arrest upon four distinct charges of disobedience to the orders of his commandant — The Prisoner was fully heard in his defence — The court on due consideration acquitted him of the Second charge, but pronounced him guilty of the first third & fourth charges & therefore Sentenced him to be reprimanded —

The Captain General having examined and Maturely considered the whole record Approves the Sentence of the court; and to carry the same into effect directs that at the next regular meeting of the commissioned & staff officers of the Second regiment of Cavalry, at which meeting the accused is particularly injoined to be present, the Lieut-Col. Com^{t} of the said regiment shall in presence of the officers when thus assembled reprimand the said Q. M. Benton for his disobedience in the several instances of which he stands convicted as aforesaid — and shall report the execution of this order to the Brigadier General of the 2nd brigade who will make return the same to the office of the Adjutant General —

The Genl court martial &c. is hereby dissolved —

[Endorsed] Genl orders — Court Martial 2. Brigade — case of Q. M. Benton 13. May 1815 —

LUTHER BRADLEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:51]

NEW HAVEN May 14 1815

His Excellency John Cotton Smith

Sir I would again solisit my discharge as Commandant of the 2^{d} Company of Govenors Foot Guardes and

inform your Excellency that I have be[e]n a member and done duty in S^{d} Company Twenty two years. and served Ten — Years as a Commishoned officer. and have had the Honor to command the Company Five years and under its presant organization I believe the intrist of the Company Requires more frequent Changes in their Commanders I tharefore beg leave to Tender your Excellency my Resignation

Very Respectfully — — —

your Excellencys Ob^{t} Srv^{t}

LUTHER BRADLEY

P. S it is hoped your Excellency will direct a Choice of officers as may be Vacated so as they Can be Commishoned the present Sesion —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Hartford —

[Endorsed] Major L. Bradley's Resignation — accepted 15. May 1815 — order issued same day —

PETITION OF THIRD AND NINTH COMPANIES

[8:52]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire
Captain General of the State of Connecticut — — —

The Petition and Representation of the Officers of the third and ninth Companies in the 12th Regiment of militia humbly shewith That there was formerly established two infantry Companies within the Limits of the first Ecclesiastical society of Hebron, from which Companies a part of a Company of Cavalry a considerable part of a Company of Artillery and a part of a Company of State Troops have from time to time, been enlisted and formed and many others have removed out of the limits of said Companies by which means the aforesaid infantry Companies have been greatly diminished in point of number — so that, in the Third Company, there is not more than twenty, nor in the Ninth Company, more than Thirty effective privates, that can be mustered on days of Exercise. By means of this reduced state of the Companies, they cannot be posted and exercised in that manner, which the Law requires nor can that

order and ambition which is indispensable be excited or gratified —

Your Petitioners would further suggest to your Excellency, that the aforesaid Ecclesiastical society is so located that the aforesaid infantry Companies can be consolidated and meet together, without injury or inconvenience and in our opinion as the said Companies have an identity of Interest and a similarity of views, a consolodation would be productive of essential benefit to each and to the public

Wherefore your Petitioners pray your Excellency to reduce said Companies and constitute them one infantry Company as the interests of the Militia may require and your Excellency think proper

And your Petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray

Hebron May 15th — 1815

David B. Carver Capt 9th Co

Pierce Darrow Capt
Levi Collins Lieu^{t}
Frederic Phelps Ensign } 3^{d} Co

Joel Jones 2^{d} Ensign } 9th Co

Ralph Gilbert
Reuben Godfrey Jun
Henry J. Phelps
Nathan Smith 2nd
Jonathan Hamilton } Sargents 3^{d} Co

Benjamin Taylor
Levi Waldo } Sergents 9th Co

I hereby certify that the foregoing Petition meets my entire approbation and believe the granting of sd Petition will promote the interest of the militia in general and of the aforesaid Companies in particular

Hebron 15th May 1815 Cornelius Shepard Lie$^{t\,nt}$ Col
12. Rg^{t} of Connecticut Militia

[Endorsed] Petition of 3rd & 9th Companies of Militia

WILLIAM C. BULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:53]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Captain General&c. &c — — —

Sir

At the first organization of the State Corps your Excellency was pleased to honor me with a Commission of first Lieutenant in the first Company of Artillery, & after the promotion of Captain Jewett, I was further honored with a Captain's commission in the same Company — At the choice of officers on the annexation of said Company to the Seventh Regiment of Militia I was wholly neglected by said Company, & nominated to no office in it — The reason of this neglect I am unable to state — In the whole course of my connection with the Company I have endeavoured to be useful to it & to my Country, & have never intentionally misused a member of it, or shrunk from duty — It seems however that I have failed to secure that popularity necessary to an election to any Office in it; and as I cannot suppose that your Excellency wishes me to degrade myself in my own eyes or those of others, I pray your Excellency to give me a discharge from further military Service — — — —

A favor so reasonable & at the same time so important will be gratefully rec^d by

Your Ex^ys Obedient Servt

His Excys JOHN C SMITH &c — W^M C BULL

SAYBROOK May 15th 1815 —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Gov. &c. &c. Hartford

[Endorsed] Capt. W. C. Bull praying for a discharge —granted 20. May 1815

ISAAC PERKINS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:54]

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Capt. Genl

Sir:

The 1th Comp. of 1th Regt. of Cavalry when assembled for

exercise &c. on the first Monday of May Inst. desired me by vote to request your Excellency to convert them into Flying Artillery. Thus finding the wishes of the Comp. both officers & privates to correspond with my own I have the honor to request your Excellency to designate & detach this, as one of the four companies of Flying Artillery authorized by law.

Should your Excellency think proper to comply with the Company,s request I assure your Excellency no pains shall be spared on my part to render the company a proof of the utility of the corps.

I am respectfully your Excellency
Humble Servant

HARTFORD May 17th 1815 ISAAC PERKINS Capt 1 Comp 1 Rgt Cavalry

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr (Present)

[Endorsed] Application of the 1. Comp. 1. Regt of Cavalry to be organized into Horse Artillery — recd 18. May 1815

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LUTHER BRADLEY

[8:55]

HARTFORD 15. May 1815

Dr Sir

You will perceive by the enclosed that I have complied with your request —

trust

I cannot however allow you to resign a command you have so honourably discharged without expressing the high sense I entertain of your superior merit as an officer & my particular thanks for your undefatigable & successful exertion in raising the 2d company of G. F. Guards to its present state of excellence both in appearance & discipline —

With the warmest wishes for your prosperity I am Dr Sir your ot & hm Sert —

Major BRADLEY —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO LUTHER BRADLEY

[8:56]

To Major Luther Bradley Com^{t} of 2nd Comp. of Gov,s Foot Guards —

Sir

Having thought proper to accept your resignation as Com^{t} of the 2nd Co. Gov. Foot Guards after another shall have been chosen & commissioned in your stead, I hereby direct that you cause due notice to be given the comp. to meet at such time & place as you shall designate — & when assembled that you lead them to the choice of a suitable person for their Commandant & also to fill any other vacancy which may happen in consequence of such choice & that you make due return to the Hon. the Genl Assembly —

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:57]

Genl orders

HARTFORD 15. May 1815

A General Court Martial, of which Lt Col. John Brainerd 2nd is president, was held at N. Haven on the 17th & 18th days of april last by order of the B. Genl of the 2nd brigade for the trial of N^{h} Clark capt. of the 1. comp. in the 32nd Reg^{t} infantry, charged with various instances of unofficerlike conduct — The court on a full hearing of the case unanimously decided that the prisoner is not guilty of all the charges exhibited against him and that he be honourably acquited — The Capt. Genl approved the sentence and accordingly directs that Capt. Clark be released from his arrest —

The Genl Court Martial whereof Lt Col. John Brainerd 2nd is pres^{t} is hereby dissolved —

[Endorsed] Genl orders on Court Martial Rough draught —
2. Brigade — case of Capt. Clark

PETITION FROM HEBRON

[8:58]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith
Captain General of the Militia in
the State of Connecticut

Understanding that an application is about to be made to your Excellency to unite the 9th and 3rd Companies in the 12th Regiment of Militia the underwritten Officers and Soldiers of sd 9th Company beg leave to remonstrate against the Proceedure and to express to your Excellency our decided opinion that the proposed union will be injurious to sd Companies we therefore humbly request Your Excellency to reject Said application and to permit us to enjoy our accustomed privileges — — —
HEBRON May 20, 1815

This may certify that when I
sined the Petion in favour uniting
the 3rd and 9 Companys I had not
Consulted my officers I find that
a Large number are against it
DAVID P. CARVER Capt
THADDEUS PORTER Lieut
JONATHAN HAMILTON Serg
BENJAMIN TAYLOR Serg
ISAACK LATHAM Serg
LEVI WALDO Serj
IRA JOHNSON Corpreal
AMOS CROUCH
STEPHEN FOOT
ERASTUS FOOT
PEREGRINE MINER
WILLIAM INGRAM
BARAK NILES
DAVID NILES
HENRY JONES
JOSEPH WHITE Jr
DAVID NORTHUM

Erastus Daniels
Alpheus Phelps
Timothy Jones
Ralph Gillet
Dan Jones
Gasper Welcher
John Morrisson
Daniel Burrows Junr
Obadiah White 2nd
Gilbert Burrows
David Tarbox J^{n}
Ichabod Watrous
Samuel Edgcomb
Elisha Wheeler
George Phelps
Ira Marvin
Clark Elliott
Silas Burrows
Almerin Barnes

PETITION FROM NORTH MILFORD

[8:59]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Captain General of the State of Connecticut.

The Petiton of the subscribers, Inhabitants of the Northern part of the Town of Milford, in the County of Newhaven, respectfully sheweth. That there are in s^{d} Town, two Companies of Militia and one of Grenadiers, that according to the present division of the Town, persons liable to do military duty, residing in the Society of North Milford, in a remote part of the Town, are subjected to the inconvenience of traveling the distance of Six or seven miles on all Military days. The subscribers think that no inconvenience would arise from a different arrangement with respect to the local limits of s^{d} Companies. But that the public service would coincide with the accomodations of individuals.

They therefore pray your Excellency to direct, that some proper Officer inquire into the state of the facts, and that on his report your Excellency would grant such relief as the nature of the case may require.

North Milford May 20 1815

Subscribers Names
Richard Bryan
Darius Ford
Alfred Fenn
Nathan Oviatt Jr
SamUL Treat
Orrian Treat
WM P Fenn
Fowler Fenn
Aaron Hine
Joseph Prudden
Abel Peck
Ira Parker
Joseph Pardee Jr
John Bryan Jr
Jesse Hodge
David Nettleton
SamUL Potter
SamUL Prudden Jr
Peter Prudden
Aaron Clark Jr
Alpheus Clark
Lyman Mallory
Jireh Treat
SamUL Stone Jr
SamUL Buckingham
WM Stone
Mark Mallory
Ira Clark
Almond Clark
Benjamin Clark
Hervey Law
Wilson Bennet
Abram Hine
John Treat
Nathan Clark 2d
Amos Smith
James S Downey
Erastus Sperry
Selah Clark
Petitioners
Luke Clark
SamUL Buckingham
Nathan Merwin 2d
Nathan Hall

[Endorsed] North Milford Petition Recd 20th May 1815

To his Excellency

Sir, the situation of this Society, and more particularly that of the subscribers, render it necessary that something should be done immediately. And as your Excellency has recommended raising artillery, it is our request that a company may be granted in this Society

Your Humble Servant Nathan Merwin 2d

PAYMASTER'S ACCOUNT

[8:60]

The State of Connecticut, for the pay of Troops called into the service of the United States, In account with Hezekiah Goddard Pay Master General

Debtor

N° 1 to 17	To Abstract of pay and subsistence of sundry detachments of Troops as Coast Guards, from 28th April 1814 to October 31, 1814 — Stationed from Stonington to Bridgeport	12,285.72
18 to 21	To ditto . . . d° Brig Gen[l] Isham & Staff at New London from 9th to 27th August 1814	314.75
22 " 31	To ditto Lieut. Col° William Moore 4th Com[dt] of 3[d] Reg[t] from 9 to 27 August d°	2,789.77
32 " 40	To ditto Lieut. Col° William Belcher [Com[dt] of] 8th Reg[t] from 9 to 27 August d°	2,473. 5
41 " 52	To ditto Lieut. Col° Freeman Tracy [Com[dt] of] 20th Reg[t] from 9 to 23 August d°	3,157.67
53 " 61	To ditto Lieut. Col° W[m] Randall [Com[dt] of] 30th Reg[t] from 9 to 27 August d°	2,619.32
62 " 70	To ditto Lieut. Col° Asa Comstock [Com[dt] of] 33[d] Reg[t] from 15 to 25 August d°	1,604.33
71 " 76	To ditto Maj. Gen[l] Augustine Taylor & suite, pay &c 16th August to 8th November 1814	1,650.37
77 " 80	To ditto Brig. Gen[l] Lusk, for ditto New London, 18 August to 8th Novem[r] 1814	776.84
81 " 91	To ditto Lieut. Col° Ezra Brainerd Com[dt] of detachments from 1st Division, called the 1st Regt at New London from	

	18 August to 29th October 1814	24,297.89
92 " 98	To ditto Lieut. Col. Elihu Sanford, Comdt of detachments from State Corps called the 2d Regt at New Haven 8 Septemr to 23 October 1814	7,965.45
99 " 105	To ditto Lieut. Colo Wm Belcher Comdt of detachments from 3d Division called the 3d Regt at Groton, 23d August to 29th October 1814	6,333. 9
106 " 136	To ditto Sundry detachments as Coast Guards from Stonington to Fairfield from 6th Septem 1814 to 10th March 1815	15,681.82
	To ditto mustering various detachments, and pay &c. to Aid de Camp of His Exelly the Capt. Genl while employed in public service	421.24
	To paid bills for printing blanks for Muster, Pay & Receipt Rolls, & for Subsistence blanks, Stationary, postage and other incidental expences	126.11
	To Commissions on $82,497. 42/100 at 1½ per cent	1,237.45
1815		83,734.87
May 19	To balce in my favor on the Accts of Pay for Service of Troops in 1813	357.98
	Dollars	84,092.85
May 20	To Balance of above Accot due H. Goddard	92.85
Creditor		
1814		
April 28	By Controllers Order on the Treasurer	1,000.00
May 26	By.....ditto	2,000.00
July 22	By.....ditto	2,000.00
Augt 20	By.....ditto	2,000.00
" 26	By.....ditto	10,000.00

Septr 5	By.....ditto	5,000.00
" 15	By.....ditto	8,000.00
October 17	By.....ditto	41,000.00
Novem^{r} 10	By.....ditto	2,000.00
" "	By.....ditto	5,000.00
Decem^{r} 6	By.....ditto	3,000.00
1815		
Feby 8	By.....ditto	1,000.00
March 8	By.....ditto	2,000.00
		84,000.00
May 20th	By balance due H. Goddard carried to debit of n/a	92.85
	Dollars	84,092.85

Errors Excepted
Hartford May 20th 1815

HEZ. GODDARD Pay Master Genl

[endorsed] Copy of Hez. Goddard's Acc^{t} as Pay M Genl for the year 1814, settled May 20th, 1815.

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:61]

KILLINGWORTH
May 22nd 1815

Governor Smith
Sir

In pursuance of your Directions, I call^{d} on Col. Brainard on Saturday — who cheerfully signed our application as you will perceive — there has been 13 or 14 added to the application this Day which leaves but a small number wanting to complete the Company — & as all doubt is removed as It regards the practicability of obtaining the necessary compliment of men. It has been thought expedient & advisable to forward the papers to your Excellency — as soon as possable — In order that the company may be organiz^{d} — & Returns made to your Excellency before the present session of the Legislature is

through — for this purpose I have sent Lieut. Elliott with the application

Col. Brainard will very readily attend to the orders of your Excellency, I believe he would prefer doing the business himself rather than have It sent to his Majors — he will not complain of Burden —

I think there can be no Doubt but that the full number required will be obtained this week —

we have thus far found It unnecessary to make but very slight encroachment on the Malitia — 5 is the greatest number taken from any one Roll &c —

I am very respectfully
Your Excellency,s
Ob^{t} Servt
A Bray

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Governor of Connecticut Hartford

PETITION FROM HADDAM

[8:62]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire Governour of the State of Connecticut — —

The Petition of the undersigned members of the late second company of State Artillery residing in Haddam

Humbly Sheweth

That for more than two years past they have performed militia duty in s^{d} Company & have acquired some knowledge of the Exercise of Artillery. — That they have at a considerable expence equiped themselves & are solicitous to continue to do militia duty in the capacity of Artillerists — That it will be attended with some inconveniences & disadvantages to have the company to which they belonged formerly, reorganized & located at Killingworth — They are therefore induced to request your Excellency to reorganize them into a company of Militia Artillery & to permit that such a number may by enlistment be added to their present as your Excellency shall direct and that

the company may be annexed to the seventh Regiment under the command of Lieut. Col. John Brainard [ ]n^{d} and as in duty bound they will ever pray.
Dated at Haddam this 22nd day of May 1815.

Linus Parmelee, Jr.
Thomas Church J^{r}
Samuel Kelcey
James Kelcey
John E Parmelee
Alvah Shaylor
Isaac R. Sherman
Dudley Clark
Samuel Church
James Church
David Church
Asa Higgins
Noah Clark, Jr.
Horace Smith
Simon Knowles
Revilo Chapman
Tim^{O} Brainerd
Silvanus Brooks
Heman Brainard
Henry Richards
Nathan Gladwin
Roswell Brainerd
Ansel Brainerd
Leonard Knowles
Ephraim Warner
George Kelcey Jr

We the subscribers being of opinion that the organization of a Company of Artillery in the Town of Haddam, to consist of the members of the late 2nd Company of State Artillery residing in said Town, & such others as may be enlisted, will be of public importance; & believing that the requisite additional number of men may be enlisted without any material injury to the militia companies in s^{d} Town, very cheerfully recommend

that the preceding application be granted — HADDAM May 22nd 1815 — JOHN BRAINERD 2nd Lieut Col 7th Regt

OLIVER WELLS

[Endorsed] Linus Parmelee & application — Artillery —

REMONSTRANCE FROM CAPT. D. T. CARVER AND OTHERS

[8:63]

The following persons live within the limits of the 9th Company 12th Regt. Militia and are liable to duty therein viz —

Wm Porter Asahel Porter Corporal Amos Porter Godfrey Tarbox Jr Wm Phelps Geo' Saunders Dudley Birge Caleb Root Jr Guy Wheets Richard Cramer Jr Nathan F Taylor Aaron House Ezekiel Fuller Amasa Braun Jr Darius Braun	These persons have not had an opportunity of signing the remonstrance but are believed to be opposed to the union of the companies Ensign Jones is out of town We have 2 Corporals only in the Company
Rider Green	who declined signing the remonstrance because they are strangers in town & expect to leave it in the course of the year

May 22d . 1815

THADDEUS PORTER Lieut.

[Endorsed] Capt D T Carvers &c Remonstrance

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN BRAINERD 2nd

[8:64]

To John Brainerd 2nd Esquire Lieutenant

Colonel Commandant of the 7th regiment in the
Second Brigade of Connecticut Militia —
Sir

Pursuant to your recommendation, I have thought proper to form Amaziah Bray Esquire & his associates (a list of whom he will deliver to you) into a company of Militia Artillery, to annex them to the regiment under your command and to allow them the uniform and equipments of the Artillery of the late State Corps until further orders — You are therefore herby required to cause legal notice to be given the applicants to meet at such time & place as you shall designate for the purpose & when so met you will lead them to the choice of such commissioned and non-commissioned officers as shall be necessary to organize the company according to law, & make return of the choice of commissioned officers to the Honourable the General Assembly —

Given under my hand at Hartford the 24th day of May AD 1815 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH
Capt. General

[Superscribed] Col. JOHN BRAINERD 2nd — Haddam —
In Pursuance of the within Order I gave Legal Notice to Amaziah Bray Esq & his Associates to meet at Killingworth on the 29th Day of May 1815 for the purpose within mentioned and when so met I led them to the Choice of Officers and they made Choice of the following Persons Viz

Amaziah Bray Capt
Ely A Elliott 1st Lieut
Nathaniel Wright 2nd Do
Philip Hill 3rd Do

Dated KILLINGWORTH May 29th AD 1815
JOHN BRAINARD 2nd Lieut
Col Comdt 7th Regt
Connecticut Militia

His Excellency JOHN C SMITH
Captain General of the State
of Connecticut —

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:65]

State of Connecticut
General Orders
HARTFORD May 24th AD 1815

At a General court martial for the Sixth Brigade, of which Lieutenant Colonel Hurlbut of the 25th regiment of Infantry is President, was tried Captain William Beebe of the 1st Company in the 17th regiment, charged with wilful disobedience of orders and with unofficerlike and mutinous conduct —

The Prisoner pleaded not guilty and was heard at large in his defence —

The court on full consideration pronounced the said Captain William Beebe guilty of "wilful disobedience of orders and neglect of duty and of unofficerlike and mutinous conduct", and thereupon sentenced the said Captain William Beebe "to be Suspended from his rank & office of Captain for the term of twelve months from the date of the approval of the sentence by the Capt. General" —

The Captain General approves the sentence of the Court, and accordingly directs that Capt. William Beebe be Suspended from the command of the first company in the 17th regiment for the term of twelve months from the date of the present order —

The Genl court martial whereof Lieut. Col. Hurlbut is President is hereby dissolved — — —

[Endorsed] Genl orders in the case of Capt. Wm Beebe 17. Regt —

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:66]

Cases before the General Court Martial for the Sixth Brigade — in which General orders were issued — Officers of 17th regt Infantry —

		Date of orders 1815 May 24th
1. Comp.	Sentences Approved — Suspension 12 months	Sentence executed Pardoned June 14th
Capt. Wm Beebe —		
Lieut. Steph. Russell —	Do — 9 Do	
3. Comp.		
Capt. Jere. Holt — —	Do — 6 Do	Do – 5th June
Lieut. Benoni Johnson	Reprimand	Do – 15th
Ensn Robt H. Austin —	Do —	Do – 16th
4 Comp.		
Capt. Elisha Loomis	Suspension 6 months	Do – 5th June
Lieut. Warren Loomis	Reprimand	Do – 15th
Ensn Reuben Loomis —	Do	Do – 15th
5 Comp.		
Capt. John T. Mansfield	Suspension 6 months	Do – 6th June
Lieut. William Hall —	Do — Do	Do – 15th
Ensn Henry Whittelsey	Reprimand	Do – 16th
6. Comp.		
Capt. Zimri Skinner	Suspension 6 months	Do – June 14th
Lieut. Marvin Griswold	Reprimand	Do – 15th
Ensn Champion Scovell	Do —	Do – 16th
7 Comp.		
Capt. Uriel Tuttle —	Suspension 6 months	Do –3rd June
Lieut. Chester Loomis	Reprimand	Do – 16th
Ensn Luther Cook	Do	Do – 15th
8 Comp.		
Capt. Daniel Hall	Suspension 6 months	Do – 5th June
Lieut. Julius Griswold	Do — 9. Do	Do – 15th
Ensn Saml Wright	Reprimand	Do – 15th

In Genl orders in the cases of Capt. U. Tuttle & Lieutenant Stephen Russell reasons were assigned for granting a remission of the punishment — In the other orders reference was had to those reasons — Orders sent to the Adjutant Genl. enclosed 16th June —

[Endorsed] General orders in 20 cases before a court martial 6. Brigade —

JONATHAN H. SPARHAWK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:67]

To his excellency John Cotton Smith
May it please your excellency

At the request of Samuel P. Waldo Esqr I take the liberty to make this short statement respecting his health. Mr Waldo has occasionally consulted me as a physician for some years past, in consequence of affection of the chest, & hemorrhage from the lungs, to which complaint he appears to be constitutionally predisposed.

It appears to me, from his constant liability to these complaints, that the severe exercise & great exposure attending active military service might endanger a recurrence of these serious maladies

Very respectfully I am your excellency's obedient servant

JON^{A} H. SPARHAWK

HARTFORD May 27th 1815 — — —

[Endorsed] S. P. Waldo Esqr application for a discharge from Military duty — — Doc^{r} J. H. Sparhawk's Statement — — Granted 27. May 1815

GARRIT SMITH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:68]

WATERTOWN May 27th *1815*

To the Captain General
May it please your Excellency

It was not my intention to have troubled you again about Military affairs, but both gratitude and duty to those who have served me with fidelity, demand that I should interest myself in thier behalf. Mr Orlando Porter is now Brigade Major and Inspector & Mr James M L Scovill Brigade Quarter-master of the 8th Brigade they have served a number of years having formed part of the Staff of the 26th Regiment when it was under my command & thier conduct has ever been Officerlike & Gentlemanly.

as further alterations will undoubtedly take place in the Of-

ficers of the 8th Brigade, thier continuance in the Staff would be unpleasant to them, and it is at thier request that I have to ask of your Excellency thier discharge.

should you grant my request it would further oblige me if the papers could be sent by Major Woodruff of Litchfield, or by mail — — — very respectfully your Excellencies very hum[l] servt

GARRIT SMITH

[Superscribed] To his Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH *Esqr* Governor of the State of Connecticut Hartford

[Endorsed] Garrit Smith 27. May. 1815 de discharges to Major Porter & Q. M. Scovill — granted 30. May —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[8:69]

HARTFORD 31. May 1815

Dr Sir

Since the order issued to Col. Brainard for leading yourself & associates to a choice of officers it has been discovered that a part of the men enrolled live *without the limits of the 7th regiment* — — This is irregular — Had it been perceived their names would have been excluded — No one is in fault as it was unquestionably a mere mistake — Unfortunately however the return cannot be received nor commissions granted the present session — The law, I would further observe, allows but two lieutenants to a company of artillery — The Colonel has returned a choice of *three* — On both these grounds therefore I have found it necessary to issue a new order returnable to the next session of Assembly — Presuming you will readily Supply by the approbation of the colonel the places of those excluded without prejudice to the militia I enclose the order to be delivered to Colonel Brainerd when convenient — I regret the delay thus occasioned but it seems unavoidable —

I am Dr Sir your obt Sert

[Endorsed] To Capt. Bray — note with orders to Col. Brainerd which were taken back —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN BRAINERD

[8:70]

To John Brainerd 2nd Esquire Lieutenant
Colonel Commandant of the 7th regiment in the
Second brigade of Connecticut militia —

Sir

Pursuant to your recommendation I have thought proper to form Amaziah Bray Esquire and his associates (a list of whom he will deliver to you, *excluding therefrom however those individuals who reside without the limits of said Seventh regiment*) into a company of Militia Artillery, to annex them to the regiment aforesaid under your command, and to allow them the uniform and equipments of the Artillery of the late State corps, until further orders —

You are therefore hereby required to cause legal notice to be given the applicants aforesaid (*excepting as aforesaid*) to meet at such time & place as you shall designate for the purpose, and when so met you will lead them to the choice of a captain, *two* lieutenants and the legal number of noncommissioned officers, and make return of the choice of commissioned officers to the next General Assembly — —

Given under my hand at Hartford
the 31st day of May AD 1815 —
John Cotton Smith
Capt. General —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[8:71]

Hartford 31. May 1815

Sir

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questionably a mere mistake — Unfortunately however the return cannot be received, nor commissions granted the present Session. The law, I would further observe, allows but *two* lieutenants to a company of Artillery — The Colonel has returned a choice of *three* — On both these grounds therefore I have found it necessary to issue a new order returnable to the next Session of Assembly — Presuming you will be able, under the direction of the colonel, to supply the places of those excluded without prejudice to the infantry companies, I enclose an order to be delivered to Col. Brainerd when convenient with the necessary explanations — I regret delay thus occasioned, but it seems unavoidable —

I am sir with much regard
your obe^{t} ser^{t}
J. C. Smith —

A. Bray Esqr
[Superscribed] Amaziah Bray Esquire Killingworth —

CALVIN GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:72]

Hartford June 1. 1815

Dear sir,

I know not whether usage or propriety requires from me any communication, on my leaving the Council, or the occasion of it. There are times when the heart, will not permit one enquiry into forms — Such is at present the condition of mine— Associated as I have been with the body from which I now separate, during a period of so much difficulty, embarrassment & danger — Extricated as we are from the difficulties which we felt ours, preserved as we have been from the dangers which we feared — Enjoying so many, & so great blessings as a state — Experiencing, as I have so much of personal respect, & affectionate kindness from my associates in efforts to perpetuate those blessings — Grateful as my heart ought to be for the preservation of the lives of all the Council during this period — Mourful as it is, at the recollection of the death of two Chief Magistrates in the full enjoyment, and worthy of the Love of us all of all

this people, my heart would be harder than a flint if I could part from you without emotion — But such are my recollections of the *past* and anticipations of the *future,* that I cannot bring myself to join the Council today, & say Farewell! But I cannot leave town with some testimonial of my respect & gratitude
May a merciful God continue his blessing to you & the Council, & continue you, & them as a blessing to this State & assist you & them in all your exertions to transmit to our children the distinguished favour of a good Government faithfully administered
— — —

accept, my dear sir, for yourself & have the
goodness to express to the Council, the high
sense of respectful consideration and
affectionate esteem, with which
I add that I am your
Ot hm friend
CALVIN GODDARD

Govr SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH Hartford

[8:73]

Printed copy of a Resolution passed by the Connecticut Legislature, January 3, 1815.

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:74]

State of Connecticut —
General Orders —
HARTFORD June 3rd 1815

At a General court Martial for the Sixth brigade, of which Lieut. Col. Leonard Hurlbut of the 25th regiment of Infantry is President, was tried Capt. Uriel Tuttle of the 7th company in the 17th regiment, charged with "wilful disobedience of orders" and "with unofficerlike and mutinous conduct" —

The arrested officer pleaded not guilty to the complaint and was heard at large in his defence —

The court pronounced the said Capt. Tuttle guilty of the first

charge, and not guilty of the offence specified in the second charge; and thereupon Sentenced him "to be Suspended from his rank & office of Captain for the term of six months, to commence from the date of the approval of the sentence by the Captain General" — —

In reviewing the proceedings of the court on the trial of this and other causes before the same board, the Capt. General perceives that certain inquiries were allowed which are not conformable to military usage. As they were permitted however at the instance of the arrested officer, and as the court have come to a correct result upon the whole evidence, the Captain General Approves the Sentence — —

The transaction which forms the subject of the present complaint, and in which several other commissioned officers of the 17th regiment were unfortunately concerned, is beheld by the Capt. General with sincere regret — It is in vain that the accused would seek to justify his conduct under any supposed provocation he had received from the late Lieut. Colonel Commandant of the 17th regiment. If that officer had in any respect conducted himself improperly in the discharge of his military functions, he was evidently amendable to a higher tribunal. — — The course adopted by the accused was not the legitimate mode of redress — But although no sufficient apology exists for a proceedure at once irregular and unusual, the Capt. General is nevertheless persuaded that the offence was committed more from a misapprehension of duty than from a disposition to violate it — from listening too readily to the suggestions of others, and not from a deliberate intent to set at defiance those principles of subordination which it should be the pride of a military officer to observe —

Under these impressions the Captain General considers that to prevent the entire execution of the foregoing sentence would be an act of lenity not inconsistent with a due regard to the public interest—Accordingly it is ordered that *the punishment* awarded by the court be and the same is hereby remitted, and that Captain Uriel Tuttle be released from his arrest —

The Gen[l] court Martial whereof &c — —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[8:74A]

SHARON 12. June 1815

Dr Sir

The foregoing order was prepared before I left Hartford — but it was delayed in expectation that the records of all the other cases in the 6th brigade would have been returned before this time They are not all yet received* — I have therefore concluded to proceed gradually and now request you to give the requisite publicity to the present order together with the one enclosed, for the *first* brigade — The cases from the 6th brigade are truly perplexing — It was indiscreet in the Lieut. Col. (to say nothing of the cause of discontent) to arrest *so many* officers at once — and rather injudicious in the court to *suspend* all the captains & several Lieutenants. thereby leaving the companies destitute during the spring and fall training — The ring-leader so far as I can discover was Capt. Beebe whose case was transmitted to you from Hartford — As to him I suffer the sentence which is really too mild to take effect — but According to my present impression I shall pardon the others — The grounds you will see stated in the case of Capt. Tuttle now forwarded — This course is adopted upon much deliberation and I hope will be salutary in its consequences. — The regiment is in a distracted state — but Col. Smith has resigned — a judicious successor is appointed & I hope harmony will be restored —

The 6th Brigade is now commanded by the President of the Court Martial & he resides in Winchester —

I am Dr sir sincerely yours —

Adjutant Genl HUNTINGTON —

16th June P. S. Just after the above was prepared I learned that the records in the other cases would be here on the 14th — The letter was detained — The records arrived — Orders are prepared and the whole (twenty in number) now forwarded in this & another package —

[Endorsed] General orders in the case of Capt. Tuttle 17. Regt 6. Brigade

* Several came early to hand & orders were prepared on the 5th instant — but are kept back for the others —

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:75]

State of Connecticut — —
General Orders — —

SHARON June 5. 1815

A General court Martial of which Major Peter B. Gleason of the first regiment of Cavalry is President was held at Hartford on 29th May last by order of the Brigadier General of the first brigade for the trial of Cornet David McKinney of the first company in the first regiment of Cavalry charged with "disobedience of orders," with "neglect of duty" and with "unofficer-like conduct" — —

The accused took exception to the legality of his arrest; which exception being overruled by the court, he pleaded not guilty to the complaint and was heard at large in his defence —

The court having found the arrested officer guilty of the two first charges and not guilty of the third & last charge, pronounced the following sentence — to wit — —

"The court in view of the whole case considering the probable intention of Cornet McKinney to remove out of the state and also the recent date of his commission and his inexperience as an officer, do thereupon Sentence the Said Cornet M. Kinney that he be reprimanded in such manner as the Captain General shall direct" — —

On a due examination of the record the Captain General is satisfied with the interlocutory and final opinion expressed by the Court, and he approves the Sentence — — Accordingly to carry the same into effect in a manner suited to the palliating circumstances mentioned by the court it is ordered that the Brigadier General of the first Brigade do *privately* reprimand the said Cornet McKinney for the disobedience of orders and neglect of duty specified in the charges in arrest, and that he report the execution of this order as soon as may be to the office of the Adjutant General — —

The General court Martial whereof Major Gleason is President is hereby dissolved — —

[Endorsed] Genl orders in case of Cornet David McKinney 1. Reg^{t} Cavalry

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:76]

State of Connecticut
General orders —

SHARON June 14th 1815

At a General court Martial for the 6th brigade, of which Lieut. Col. Hurlbut of 25th reg^{t} is President, was tried Lieut. Stephen Russell of 1. comp. in the 17th regiment, charged with "a wilful disobedience of orders" & "with unofficerlike conduct" — — The arrested officer pleaded not guilty to the complaint and was heard at large in his defence —

The court pronounced the said Lieut. Russell *guilty,* and thereupon sentenced him "to be Suspended from his office and rank of Lieutenant for the term of *nine months* from and after the date of the approval of the sentence by the Capt. Genl."

On mature consideration the Capt. Genl is satisfied that the court have come to a correct result upon the whole evidence, and he therefore approves the sentence — —

In Genl orders issued on the 3rd instant June, in the case of Capt. U. Tuttle, the Capt. General has expressed his views of the transaction in which the accused (with other commissioned officers of the 17th reg^{t}) were unhappily engaged, as well as the reasons which induced him in that case to remit the punishment amended by the court. —Those reasons apply to the case under consideration, and are strengthened by a belief that on the occasion alluded to the accused was influenced in no slight degree by the example of those who were his superiours in rank & commission — — Whilst the Captain General laments the errour into which so many valuable officers were inconsiderately betrayed, he confidently trusts the evil is sufficiently seen & deplored by them, and that nothing in future will occur to disturb the harmony of a regiment which for its discipline & orderly

conduct, has been long & justly entitled to distinguished approbation — Entertaining these sentiments the Capt. Gen[l] has thought proper to prevent the entire execution of the foregoing sentence — Accordingly it is ordered that the punishment amended by the court be & the same is hereby *remitted* — and that Lieut. Stephen Russell be released from his arrest — —

The Gen[l] Court Martial whereof Lieut. Col. Hurlbut is President is hereby dissolved —

[Endorsed] Gen[l] orders in case of Lieut. Stephen Russell 1. Comp. 17. Regt. 6. Brigade —

THOMAS HUBBARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:77]

MIDDLETOWN 16th June 1815.

His Ex. John Cotton Smith Esqr:

Sir/

I had the honor of addressing you about the middle of May, requesting you to accept my resignation of the office I hold in the State Troops — not having receiv'd a discharge, and for many reasons being desirous of one, I have to request your Excellency would be so good as to accept my resignation and discharge me from Military duty. —

Respectfully

Your ob[t] Servant

THOMAS HUBBARD

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr: Sharon.

[Endorsed] Capt. Tho. Hubbard 16. June 1815 — rec[d] 23rd answ[d] D[o]

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:78]

State of Connecticut

SHARON 21. June 1815

General orders — —

At A General court martial, for the Second Division of which

Brigadier General Enoch Foote of the 4th brigade is President, was tried Ralph J. Ingersoll Esquire Brigade Major and Inspector of the Second Brigade charged with "unofficerlike conduct" and with "neglect of duty"

The arrested officer pleaded *not guilty* to the complaint and the court came to the following result — —towit —

"This court, after maturely deliberating upon the charges brought against Ralph J. Ingersoll Brigade Major and Inspector of the 2nd Brigade of militia and upon the testimony adduced, find the said Ralph J. Ingersoll *not guilty* of the said charges, and adjudge that he be fully and honourably acquitted" — —

The proceedings and decision of the court are Approved by the Captain General — —

Accordingly it is ordered that Major Ralph J. Ingersoll be released from his arrest — —

The General court Martial whereof Brigadier General Foote is President is hereby dissolved — —

By order of the Captain General —

[Endorsed] General orders in case of Major R. J. Ingersoll Inspector of 2nd brigade — 21. June 1815

HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:79]

New London June 23d 1815

sir/

There is so many of those small detachment who have claims that I must be under the necessity of asking a further advance of money from the State. I have paid to Genl Foote $565— Major Sherman has a Claim of about $100 — there are about $600 which I was called on yesterday by Liut Pratt from Genl How,s Brigade — I suppose that 1.000 Dolles [sic] will cover the wholl from the best Information which I have. If your Excellency will Please send me an order on the comptroller for such sum as may be necessary I will not draw for any more than sufficient to mett the demands which I believe will not exceed $1000— — —

with the highest respect

I am your Excellencys obedient
& Humble servant
HEZ. GODDARD
Pay Master

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr. Govenor Sharon N. London C June 23

[Endorsed] Major Goddard 23. June 1815 rec^d in my absence — answ^d 21. July 1815 intra —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS HUBBARD

[8:80]

23. June 1815

Sir

I have received your letter of the 16th inst — The legislature having thought proper to retain the Military corps as militia until the rising of the Assembly in October next, it has appeared to me inexpedient to accept the resignation of any of the officers *during that period;* especially as no provision is made by law for filling the vacancies —

I trust Sir every officer belonging to the corps will feel satisfied with this arrangement Sir and will wait patiently for the discharge, to which he will then be entitled —

I am Sir respectfully your
obedient & hum^l servant —

[Endorsed] To Capt. Hubbard

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:81]

NORWICH 24 June 1815

Dear sir

On settling the annual accounts of the Mohegan turnpike road this month — the commissioners had their doubts respecting the powers (if any) they possessed for adjusting the same — but did proceed to an adjustment of the accounts & laid the same before the County Court as formerly they had been accustomed

to do — — — they find the road indebted for advances heretofore made for nearly three hundred dollars, & their note is due at the Norwich Bank on the 12 July for the balance —

I apprehend Mr Haughton the keeper of the gate will not hesitate to pay over such collections as he may make for paying up the note — — — but presume your excellency ought to be informed that there are no commissioners *appointed* on the Mohegan Turnpike road — — — they having been formerly appointed by the County Court, but placed under the direction of the Governor & Council by statute — — & by special resolve for two years exempted from the effect of the statute, the last special resolve expiring in May

Will your Excellency take the subject into consideration & authorise the receipt of so much of the money collected as may be necessary to pay the bal^n due from the road — — subject hereafter to be adjusted by the commissioners who may be appointed — —

The several orders respecting Courts Martial in the 6th brigade, (I believe 19) one in the first brigade & one in the second brigade have been duly received and promulgated — — —

I am respectfully
& sincerely yours
EBEN : HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governor SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Chelsea Landg Jn 23

[Endorsed] Genl E. Huntington 24. June 1815 de Mohegan-road. rec^d in my absence answ^d 22. July 1815 —

SAMUEL BUSHNELL 2^d TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:82]

SAYBROOK June 30 1815

His Excellency the Captain General

Sir

At the organization of the State Corps I had the honor to be appointed a Sergeant in the 1 Companey of Artillery under the

Comand of Captain Jewett and performd duty in that Capacity untill the restoration of peace — In the fategue and Sacrafies which that Companey encounterd in discharg of Public Duty I bore my Part, and never received a Reproof or froun from any of my offiers At the late Election of officrs for Said Companey I was wholley neglected and must now returne to the rank or encounter Continual fines unless your Exellency will grant me a discharge from futher military duty — Your Ecelency will not I am persuaded consent thus to degrade me in my one[sic] eyes as well as in these whome I have been in the habit of comanding nor wish me to be Subjectd to fines which I am unable to pay without ruen to my Self and famely I therefore pray your Exellency to grant me a discharge from futher duty and I am

Your Excellencys Obeidant
Survant

SAMUEL BUSHNELL 2d

GEORGE W. JEWETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:82A]

His Excelleny John C. Smith

Sir, At the desire of Sergeant Bushnell, I take the liberty to state to your Excellency that the facts stated in the foregoing application are true. While under my immediate Command I was ever well satisfied with his Conduct. and never heard a bit of disatisfaction from any other quarter. Why he should have been neglected at the late Election I know not, except that he had not so many family, connections in the Company, was older than the Class selected for Sergeants & Corporals — &c — It would be an extremely hard Case to oblige him to do duty in the Ranks — The Precedent cannot be of much inconvenience, as similar Cases can very rarely occur. On the whole I hope your Excelleny will discharge him. Cap Bull who now commands the Company and who is now absent on a Journy — — and with whom I have had Conversation on the Subject concurs entirely with me in Opinion

on the Subject and contemplating this Application, desired me to state the same —

I am as ever

Your Excellency's
Very Obedient Servant
GEO. W. JEWETT

SAYBROOK July 1 1815.

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH Sharon Conn — Saybrook July 3

[Endorsed] Sergeant Bushnell's request for a discharge & Major Jewett's letter — rec^d during my absence — answ^d 21. July — 1815

MATTHEW T. RUSSELL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:83]

MIDDLETOWN July 12th 1815 — —

Sir — —

Having been appointed States Attorney, by the advice of Mr Hosmer, I applyed to General Lusk for a Return of Military delinquents. — — — With Considerable reluctance he, at length, gave an order, on his brigade major, for a return, But, on this Condition, that application should be made to your Excellency, to bring about the Prosecution of offenders *out* of his Brigade. — — —

The impropriety of Addressing your Excellency on this Subject was very apparent, but, was necessarily submitted, in order to obtain the information requisite for the Prosecution of the Delinquents, in *this* county. — — — I trust, this will be admitted an appology for troubling your Excellency on this Subject. — — — The difficulties presented by General Lusk could no otherwise be overcome, than by a *measure,* which he hoped, would produce a *General* prosecution of Military Delinquents through out the State. — — — —

With the highest Respect, I am your
Excellency,s Obedient & very Humble Servant
MATTHEW T. RUSSELL

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon — — Con^{t}
[Endorsed] M. T. Russell Esq 12. July 1815 received in my absence — answ^{d} 22. July 1815

LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES

[8:84]

WASHINGTON, Department of State,
July 13th 1815.

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JOHN G. MUNN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:85]

HARTFORD/ Conn^{t}/ 15th of
July 1815

His Excellency John C. Smith Esqr Governor Captn Genl and Commander in Chief in and over the State of Connecticut

Sir

the undersigned begs leave to state that he has ben years in Service of the United States that he has been wounded severely which will probably render him Disabled for life, for which the Genl Government have allredy plac[e]d him on the Pension List

Roll at twelve dollars fifty Cents p^{r} Month, but Sir having made an application for an appointment of Military Store Keeper or a Post Office in preference of being continued in Service is the subject in which he begs your attention. — Recommendations have allredy been favoured him by Officers of the army who are Continued in Service that are acquainted pursonaly with his Tallants as an Officer and Citizen, being anxious to provide ways and means for the support of himself and Family he is under the necessay of requsting the favour of your Honor a line of Reccommendation of what your Excellency has Pursonaly Observed in the partishioner in the performance of his duty while an officer of the army. — the [delicacy] of this application is most seriously felt but being Confident that it will be of Great importance to him if your Excellency sees fit to favour him with one prompts him make this application, it is his wish to satisfy the Government as far as in his power that he is not without Friends, that his Wound renders him unfit for manuel Labour is a fact, and that it is of serious importance to him to have some small appointment that he may thereby obtain a Livelihood. — Incouragement has been given him by the Secretary of War as also Maj^{r} Genl Ripley of the United States Army, being left from Service on account of Severe Wounds is what he did not expect tho that was the Instructions of the President to the Board of War who had the pleasure of making out the Peace Establishment that none should be retained but those who were Effective and fit to take the field of Battle at any time if necessary — — — if your Excellency should see fit to say any thing in favour of your humble Partishioner please enclose it to him directed to this place that he may forward it to Washington with others and at any rate please write in answer by return Mail. — being at this time out all kind of Business renders your Partishioners situation disagreeable and if an Appointment is to be Obtained he wishes to have it done soon

I am Sir with Sentiments
of Respect and Esteem
your Obedient and
verry humble Servant

JOHN G MUNN late a
1st Liut in the 25th Regt
United States Infy

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr
Governor of Connecticut

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Governor of Connecticut Sharon/ Connecticut/

[Endorsed] Lieut. J. G. Munn — 15. July — answd 28th

DISCHARGES FROM THE MILITARY CORPS

[8:86]

Samuel Bushnell 2nd formerly a sergeant in the first Company of Artillery in the late Military Corps is hereby, at his request & on grounds which appear to me satisfactory, discharged from further Military duty —

Given under my hand the 21. day of
July AD 1815 —

SHARON 21. July 1815

Major Jewett —
Dr Sir

On my return this day from a long journey your letter & Sergeant Bushnell's application which arrived during my absence, are put into my hands — — The precedent may be attended with some inconvenience but I have concluded on the whole to comply with the Sergeant's request, supported as it is by your recommendation, and will therefore thank you to deliver to him the foregoing discharge —

I am Dr Sir with much regard
your very obt Ser

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[8:87]

Elisha Colt Esq. Comptroller &c.

SHARON 21. July 1815

Sir

The Pay Master General informs me there are outstand-

ing demands upon his department which will require a further draft on the treasury — You will be pleased therefore to draw on the treasurer in his favour for such sums as the above objects may require not exceeding in the whole one thousand dollars — for which the Pay master General will render to you his Account —

[Endorsed] To Major Goddard P. M. Gen[l]
[on other side of leaf]

21. July 1815

Sir

On my return this day from a long journey your letter of the 23rd ultimo which arrived during my absence, is put into my hands — I lose no time in forwarding an order upon the Comptroller agreeable to your desire — —

I am Sir respectfully
your ob[t] Ser[t]

Major H. Goddard —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO MATTHEW T. RUSSELL

[8:88]

Sharon 22. July 1815

D[r] Sir

Your letter of the 12th instant arrived here during my absence on a journey. I avail myself of the earliest mail since my return to notice its contents — —

The command of the troops detached under the General orders of July 1814 was assigned to Major General Taylor — Through his inattention returns were not made either of those who failed to perform their tour of duty or of those who neglected to appear at the place of rendezvous — Delinquents of the former description will therefore wholly escape — And of the latter a part only can be ascertained inasmuch as one of the regiments ordered into service it seems was not mustered at the place of rendezvous —

It is desirable undoubtedly that every species of delinquency

should be promptly punished — And it is equally desirable that justice should be administered impartially & without discrimination —

On this subject however I cannot but observe that your views of the impropriety which would attend the least interference on my part are perfectly correct —

I am Sir with sincere respect
& esteem your obedient &
very humble servant — —

M. T. Russell Esqr.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[8:89]

Sharon 22. July 1815

Dr Sir

Yours of the 24th ultimo arrived during my absence on a journey — Having returned yesterday evening I seize the earliest moment to notice its contents — —

The resolve of Assembly to which you allude respecting commissioners on the Mohegan Turnpike road is entirely out of my recollection, nor have I at hand the means of ascertaining its purport — If the appointment should have been made during the May Session I regret that those more particularly conversant with the subject had not intimated it to the board — By an Act of the legislature passed in October last, commissioners on turnpike roads are to be appointed annually at the *October* Session — and those in office are continued until that time — Unless there is therfore something very special in the resolve you mention I should suppose the gentlemen already appointed on the Moheegan road would retain their powers until October next — We did nothing more in this branch of executive duty at the last session than to fill vacancies occasioned by death or resignation — — In any event it will be to no purpose for me to issue instructions to the receiver of the Monies collected at the Gate — as no authority of this kind is vested by law in the Governor —

I am very respectfully
Dr Sir your obt sert

Major Gen1 E. Huntington —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN G. MUNN

[8:90]

State of Connecticut July 28. 1815

Having been requested by Mr J. G. Munn, late 1. Lieut. in the U. States Infantry, to state my opinion of his conduct whilst stationed at Hartford, I would observe that from the opportunities afforded me of witnessing his deportment as well as from information derived from respectable sources I entertain the impression that his behaviour was uniformly such as becomes an officer and a citizen —

J. C. S —

Sir —

Your letter of the 15th instant arrived here during my absence on a journey, or it would have received an earlier notice — The foregoing is the only attestation to your merit which my means of knowledge will allow — It is cheerfully given and that beneficial it may prove in some degree serviceable to you is the sincere desire of Sir

Your obt & hm Sert

[Endorsed] to Lieut. Munn —

ARNOLD P. HUMPHREYS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:91]

Canton July 28th 1815

Hon. Sir

the 18th Regt Connecticut Militia now under my Command are destitute of an adjutant the paymaster of said Regt is a yong man of brilliant tallents and has Every qualification to render him respectable both as a Citizen and a Millitary officer and would do Honour to said Regt in serving as an Adjutant but by

a late act past by the legislature of this State it is stated Adjutants Paymasters & quarter masters shall be appointed from the line of subalterns and it is said by some that a paymaster is not eligible to fill the post of an Adjutant and that all Paymasters or quartermasters appointed previous to the passing of that act must retire with out any further promotion — — — — — others say that as a Paymaster ranks with a Lieutenant he may with propriety be apointed Adjutant — — — — — —
I wish Sir you would be so good as to write to me and state the construction you put upon that passage of the law And state your sentiments upon the subject — — — — — — — — — — —
wish you to write as soon as convenient as it will be necessary for me to make the appointment of an Adjutant soon on account of Millitary business that must be attended to — — — — — — — —
Yours with sentiments of the
highest esteem and Respect

ARNOLD P HUMPHREYS

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH
Esqr Gov. of the State of
Connecticut. — — — — — — — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JohnC. Smith Esqr. Gov. of the State of Connecticut Sharon

[Endorsed] Col. A. P. Humphreys 28. July — 1815 Rec^d & answ^d 8 Aug de adjutant

E. BOARDMAN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:92]

HARTFORD Con^t
July 30th 1815

Hon^d Sir — —

Awar of your knowledge of my personal merits as a Citizan & soldier; Permit me to request Your friendly aid and assistance, by giving a Letter of Recommendation, informing the Sect^y of War of my Caractor & Conduct, so far as has came within Your knowledge. — — And Sir at the same time permit me to state to You facts relative to my situation. — — I entered the

service of the United States on the 13th of June 1818[sic] as a Cornet of Dragoons and have arrison in regular gradation to the Rank of Captain In April 1814 it became necessary to consolidate the Two Regiments of Dragoons. — — I then being the junior Captain of the Two Regiments, It became necessary (If I continued in that service) to reduce my Rank to a Lieut, Having declined serving with named Rank, The Government Offered me a Captaincy in 26th Inft to act as Rifle Man, with permishion to appoint my own Subaltern Officers, which I accepted — — and recd Orders to come to this place & establish my Rendezvous for Recruiting. In three months from my Commencement, I had filled my Company and Marched. — — — Since which time peace has tacon place The love of Cuntry and a desire to serve it, induced me to enter that service earley in life, which I have followed as a profession & had supposed I should continue to remain, untill my conduct had at least, become reprehensible in some way or manor, which never has ben the case, — But unfortunately for me (as I have a family, am poor & Indigant Circontances) I was left out of the peace establishment. — — But I have the promis of the Government that they will do somthing for me either reinstate me to my Rank in the Army, or give me a civil appointment. But my indigant Circomstances require that I should be in some Business soon I have tharefor procured from Mr Daggett & a number of the rest of my friends, Letters in my behalf, which I had calculated to forward, so soon as I should receive Your answer & Sir If consistant you will grately Oblige me by complying with my request — —

Verry Respectfully Your
Obt Huml Servt
E. Boardman Capt
Late of the 26th Inft

Honbl John C. Smith
Governr of the State of
Connecticut — —
Sharon
Ct

[Superscribed] Honb[l] JOHN C. SMITH Govern[r] of the State of Connecticut Sharon, (Con[t])
[Endorsed] Capt. E. Boardman 30. July 1815 — rec[d] 8. Aug. Not to be answered

DAVID GELSTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:93]

Custom house NEW YORK,
August 3[d] 1815 — — —

Sir,

By order of the Secretary of State, I have this day shipped by Cap[t] Rockwell for Hartford, nine boxes said to contain laws, U. S. — —

Your Excellency will be pleased to forward to me a receipt for them when at hand — —

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully — —
your Excellency's
Obedient servant,
DAVID GELSTON

His Excellency
Governor SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Sharon Connecticut
[Endorsed] D. Gelston Esqr. collector of N. York — 3. Aug. 1815 rec[d] 8th de laws U. S. answ[d] 11th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID GELSTON

[9:51]

State of Connecticut
SHARON 11. Aug. 1815

Sir —

Your favour of the 3rd instant is received — As soon as I learn that the *nine* boxes containing laws of the U. S. have arrived at Hartford the receipt of them shall be acknowledged —

The Secretary of state in his letter to me under date of 13th

ultimo mentions his having forwarded *ten* boxes to your care; & states the number of copies in each — — As the boxes are said to contain the acts passed at the several sessions of the 12th & 13th Congress properly assorted, the loss of one box will probably have the effect of breaking up the setts — You will confer an additional favour Sir by making the necessary inquiries upon this subject — —

I am very respectfully
Sir your obt & mot hm. sert

[Endorsed] To D. Gelston Esqr 11. Aug. 1815

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ARNOLD P. HUMPHREYS

[8:94]

SHARON Aug. 8. 1815

Sir

In reply to your letter which is just received, I would observe that according to my construction of the late act of Assembly Adjutants can be appointed only from *the line* of subalterns in the regiment — Consequently in my view a *mere staff officer* is not eligible —

I am Sir respectfully
Your obt Sert

Col. A. P. HUMPHREYS

THOMAS DAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:95]

HARTFORD August 16. 1815.

Dear sir,

Your communication of the 11th inst. is received. I shall immediately apply to Capt. Rockwell on his arrival for the boxes of Laws of U. S., and advise you of the number that shall be received, condition &c.

I received by mail a short time since addressed to the Executive of this State, one copy of the Acts passed at the third Session of the 13th Congress, which is now in my Office.

I am very respectfully
Your obed^{t} serv^{t}
THOMAS DAY

Govr SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon.
[Endorsed] Secretary Day — Aug. 16. 1815 rec^{d} 19th

THOMAS HUBBARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:96]

MIDDLETOWN 21st Augt 1815.

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esqr:
Sir/

Rec^{d} your Excellency's letter of 23^{d} June last — and had contented myself to abide your determination not to discharge any officer of the State Corps until the October session of the Legislature, but my Troop, particularly the officers, have wished to be ordered out for discipline, and a late view of the subject of military pursuits, in a moral light, is such as to induce me to a practice, perhaps not warranted by military laws: — omitting to discipline & qualify for actual service the Men placed under my command. — Not having had a Genl order requiring me to call out the Troop, I have considered my situation precisely the same as before the act of May session & justified my conduct. — In further urging your Excellency to reconsider your decision, and to grant me a discharge, I trust your Excellency will appreciate my motives, & not impute to me unreasonable importunity. As far as any Military station is desirable, mine is so, & the Corps to which I am attached as respectable as any; that I do not desire to quit it from disgust, but from a conviction, with which my conduct would be at varience should I continue to act in my command, which I recently am inform'd is expected of me by the Major Comd^{t}

Respectfully
Your ob^{t} Servt
THOMAS HUBBARD

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr: Sharon. Conn: —

[Endorsed] Capt. T. Hubbard requesting a discharge 21. Aug. 1815 rec^{d} 26. answ^{d} 28th

ELIZUR GOODRICH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:97]

HARTFORD Augt 21. 1815.

My dear sir.

It has pleased Almighty God, to remove from this Life, my brother, the late Lieu^{t} Governour of this State. He expired on Friday last, — I know your affection for him, and that your sympethies unite themselves to the affections & afflications of his family friends

The Gentlemen of this City request me to say that, the circumstances of the case did not admit a messenger to reach you in season to permit you to attend his interment. Every testmony was yesterday paid to his memory by the whole City.

I am with sentiments of
Affection your Friend
ELEZUR GOODRICH

His Ex Govr SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Sharon Con

[Endorsed] Hon. E. Goodrich 21. Aug. 1815 Death of Govr Goodrich ans. intra —

THOMAS DAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:98]

HARTFORD August 22. 1815.

Dear sir,

Soon after I wrote you last week I learned that Capt. Rockwell had arrived, and that the boxes of books in question had

been received at the Comptroller's Office. Enclosed is a list of the books contained in each box.

With perfect respect
your friend & obed^{t} serv^{t}
THOMAS DAY

P. S. Since writing the above I have rec^{d} your communication of the 17th ins^{t} with a package. A short time since I received a copy of the acts of the Legislature of Kentucky for the years 1812, 1813 & 1814, in three small vols. half-bound. There was a Resolve passed in May 1811 relative to an exchange of statutes; but the terms of it are such that I have experienced some embarrassment in complying with it. It directs the Secretary to forward to the Secretary of the several States that shall *propose* an exchange of statutes three sets of the statutes of this State" &c. I have forwarded under this resolve copies of our statutes to some of the States that have *in fact* forwarded theirs, but there has not been an instance to my recollection since the Resolve was passed where another State has *proposed* an exchange. I would suggest to your Excellency whether it would not be expedient to bring the subject before our Legislature in some shape for the purpose of making some further or different provision. As the application which you mention from the State of Delaware seems to come within the terms of the Resolve, I will immediately forward three copies of the late acts to the Secretary of that State.

T. D.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] Thos Day Esqr rec^{d} 1. Sept. 1815 answ^{d} 2nd

JOSEPH H. RIGGS TO JOSEPH TOMLINSON

[8:99]

DERBY August 22 1815

Mr Joseph Tomlinson

Sir you are hereby notifyed that you are fined four Dollars. for non appearance at the usual place of perade on the first monday in may last for Inspection by order of David Jackson Capt 2nd Comp 32nd Reg^{t}

JOSEPH H. RIGGS Serg^{t}

CHRISTOPHER MINOT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:100]

West Haven Augt 22^{d} 1815

My dear Sir,

Your very agreable letter of the 25th July we have received, announcing your safe arrival at home, the agreable interview with our friends at Northampton, and that you upon the whole, had a pleasant journey: on hearing of which, we were all much pleased, and particularly that on your return you found your family & friends well — That they were rejoiced to see you, can be easily immagined — We rec'd a line yesterday from our children at Northampton expressing the great satisfaction they enjoyed with you and your lady, but reg[ret] sincerely that your stay there was so short — They mention Judge Lyman as [missing] your Class-mates, a more kind & charming disposition perhaps does not exist in [ ] other body. You have done us a great kindness in your particulars respecting [ ] visit at N. H. as we had not had for sometime our usual information from them I am a little disappointed in your not finding the roads more to your mind, but think you must agree with me, that from Greene's on the mountain to Connecticut River, no Vermont roads are better. — — — — —

Nothing very material has occurred here since your departure — — neither Rossman or Esquire Shepherd have yet made the promised June paym^{t} — & if the Squire depends on his partner to find the means, he will often be mistaken —

I am happy Sir, to find that Mr Langdon comes out so well in his acco^{ts} but very sorry the balance is not larger — My daughter Richards has just returned from his house having been to the Middlebury Commenced with his family — He and his Lady, Moses Strong &c proceeded from that place to Canada, meaning to return home by our Freeman's meeting. There has been a most scurrilous publication against our good Governor Chittenden, supposed to be wrote by Lawyer Mallory (, one of our mushroom gentry), such as commonly issues from the Rutland press a short time before our Election — — Who would

wish to be a candidate for the Chair of Vermont, to be shot at such Vandals as he and some others one could mention? — — —

Mr H has formally waited on your Cousin to know if he seriously means to [pers]evere in his demand, and he had his answer in the affirmative — then says Mr H[ ] will certainly loose your case as well as your character — what a pretty figure you [ ] cut before the Court to have it known that you were plotting to rob your Uncle [ ] his dying moments? — well he answered I can't help that, I'll recover if I can &c — I believe he felt the weight of Mr H's arguments, as I understand his countenance very quickly lengthened — — It seems the perjury of Huggins was his expected power to prevent the will's being proved — He says Huggins would have come forward (no doubt by virtue of a bribe) and swore your Uncle was insane. — — — —

I have lately rec'd a letter from S. M. Mitchell Esqr of Burlington principally on the Silvester Russell business; but mentions his expectation of a visit from you when you were in this quarter, and likewise the Gov. Chittenden informed him that he expected the same — — — Russels house has fell to us by Mortgage, which was closed, & now stands in your name — We have sold it to Mr Mitchell & four other Gentlemen who intend to present it to the College there — the price to be the amt of Russell's note & interest, but how much that amounts to I cannot tell — — the house is falling down & wants immense repais so that we think we had better sell it as quick as possible, before *another war comes on* — for I have seen it in flames a number of times during the last campaign — — — Now it will be necessary that we have a Release from you before we can give a deed, and I am sorry to trouble you who I know are always so busy, in begging the favor you would make out one for us, and send it by the mail — You will particularly oblige me, as nothing but that is wanting to compleat the sale — I would send one ready for your signature did we know the form, but suppose this must be different from the common ones — Description of house and land in Burlington Co of Chittenden from Mr Mitchell's letter, vizt "Beginning at a Stake standing South 86° 31 minutes east one Chain & nine Links from the northwest corner of Lot Number

30, of the five acre Lot, in said town of Burlington — Thence South thr[ee] degrees twenty nine minutes west Eleven chains & 50 Links to a stake — The[nce] South 86 31″ East one chain & 9 links to a stake — thence north 3 29″ [ ] eleven chains & fifty Links to a Stake — thence north 86 31″ West one [chain] & nine Links to a stake, being the first mentioned bound, containing One fo[urth] part of said five acre lot number 30, with a dwelling house, Barn, and oth[er] out houses thereon".

All our family are well — Mrs Minots' sister (Mrs Rice) has arrived here on a visit from Canada — We all desire our affectionate regards to you, & Mrs. Smith, your Son & his Lady — With Respect and Esteem

I am My dear Sir

Your Friend Christo Minot

P. S. Mrs Minot begs to be informed if you know the method used by your father to cure the falling sickness — if so wishes a brief accot of it. She has heard your Uncle say, he knew of no one besides him who could cure that dreadfull disorder — Could information be had, it would be recd with gratitude by a Relation of ours living in Middlebury.

C. M

Gov. Smith

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Christo Minot Esqr 22. Aug. 1815 — recd & answd 5th Septr Enclosed a quitclaim deed of the lot in Burlington as requested &c

DAVID BUTLER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:101]

Troy August 23d 1815

Sir,

I receved your kind letter of the 30th ult. for which I am sincerely thankful. My communications with the war depatment have been through the medium of a friend of mine in Washington; & since receiving your letter I have requested him to make

the enquiries suggested by your Excellency. This he has done, & writes me as follows.

"The recommendations of your son Jertullus Dickenson on perfectly satisfactory; but N York has now more than her proportion of Cadets in the school, & Conn. has but few: no appointments will be made till october, when the new secretary will be here. The principal Clerk of the department says that if Gov Smith will write to the new secretary, requesting that Jertullus D may be appointed a Cadet in behalf of Conn. there is no doubt but it will be done". This to be sure is not an exact reply to the questions: But I suspect that our government in the establishment & management of this Academy, has not been altogether as systematick, as the great Fredrick of Prussia would have been, in founding & conducting an institution of that kind; tho' abstractly considered it is extremely well regulated, & has excellent professors. As it relates to the rights of Conn. in that institution, perhaps it has been hitherto tho't that any interference of the tyranically constituted authorities of that State, might be inconsistent with the individual sovrignty of the royal race, who on there so much curtailed in the exercise of their high & legitimate prerogatives. Still as the Governor has now been mentioned as the proper source of Court favour, it is to be presumed that they are then declining in their regard for the unhappy royal progeny of Conn

I intend sending the son I have now mentioned to my brother's in Harwinton Conn. as soon as may be convenient: & if your Excellency will be so good as to write to the new secretary of War about the first of next October, requesting his appointment as a Cadet from Conn. it will be gratefully acknowledged by, Sir, your most obedient

& humble servt — — — — DAVID BUTLER

His Excellency Gov. SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governor SMITH Sharon Litchfield County Conn.

[Endorsed] Revd D. Butler — 22. Aug. — 1815 A letter to be written the Sec^{y} of war about the 1. Oct. Wrote 18. Oct. See intra —

WILLIAM BELCHER TO JIRAH ISHAM

[8:102]

PRESTON August 26th 1815

Brigadier Genl Isham

Sir

Sergeant Isaac Stoddard of the third company in the 8th Regiment has applied to me for assistance in obtaining a discharge from military duty — — — The ostensible reason is a lame wrist, on which account the Surgeon has given him a certificate. But probably the most cogent one, is the circumstan of his being supeceeded in the recent revolution in that company — Mr Stoddard was orderly sergeant in the company, and on the choice of a Lieutenant & Ensign to fill the vacancies occasioned by the discharge of the late Lieut. and Ensign, was superceeded; a private from the ranks being chosen Lieutenant, and a junior sergeant, chosen Ensign — — Mr Stoddards case will be peculiarly hard, unless he obtains relief — — If consistently with your duty you can give him the relief he desires, should on my part think it adviseable to do it — —

I am Sir respectfully

Yours &C

WILLIAM BELCHER
Lieut Col. Commandt
Eighth Regt

[Superscribed] Brigadier Genl JIRAH ISHAM New London

[Endorsed] Sergeant J. Stoddard case for a discharge — discharged 30. Oct. 1815

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO THOMAS HUBBARD

[8:103]

SHARON 28. Aug. 1815

Sir

I have received your letter of the 21st inst. — Since the first organization of the Military Corps I have in no instance discharged any of its officers except when the Council were in Session. The reason is obvious and as it still exists in its full

force I feel myself obliged, to refuse a compliance with your request —

Reflecting however upon the reason assigned in your letter I am disposed to excuse you from duty for the present and I do accordingly excuse you, from military service until further orders — You will make this decision known to the officer next in command and will signify to him my expectation that he take the troop in the mean time under his charge & attend to its discipline exercise & inspection according to law —

I am Sir your Ob^{t} Ser^{t}

Capt. Thos HUBBARD —

[Endorsed] To Capt. T. Hubbard

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO [THEODORE] DWIGHT

[8:104]

SHARON 28. Aug. 1815

My dear Sir

On my return this day from a visit to my sister at Poughkeepsie I find your affecting letter of the 21st instant — — The sad intelligence it announces had already reached me, and had awakened emotions which I shall not attempt to describe. — At Poughkeepsie I accidentally met some of the wisest and best men from different parts of that state. We had the melancholy opportunity of mingling our griefs at the death of Governour Goodrich; — — — a bereavement, which was justly considered as not confined to Connecticut, but as a serious national misfortune. — When or where we are to find a statesman in whom shall be combined so much modesty intelligence and wisdom is known only to that God who wounds and can heal, and who, amidst the inscrutable dispensations of His Providence towards the people of this state, I humbly trust, will not suffer His loving kindness wholly to fail — —

To you My dear Sir who have enjoyed an intimate and habitual intercourse with our departed friend, the loss must be peculiarly great. I condole with you from my heart, and devoutly pray that a death so sudden, and an example so illustrious may produce their proper effect upon us all —

With the sincerest sympathy and
esteem I am My dear Sir
your afflicted friend & Servant
JOHN COTTON SMITH

The Honourable Mr DWIGHT —
[Endorsed] To Hon. Mr Dwight

JOSEPH TOMLINSON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:105]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Captain General & Commander in Chief in & over the Mitary Force of this State &c &c

The Petition and appeal of Joseph Tomlinson of Derby in New Haven County humbly Sheweth that your Petitioner for several years had been & untill Septr 1814 was a private Soldier in the 2nd Company in the 32nd Regiment Connecticut Militia then and now commanded by Captain David Jackson. that in Septemb^r 1814 your Memorialist was drafted & detached to perform a tour of Duty & ordered to New-Haven, where he served in a detached Company commanded by Capt. Thompson in the Regiment commanded by Col. Elihu Sanford and while at New Haven on s^d tour your Memorialist enlisted from s^d Copany of Capt. Thompson as a private in the third Company of Artillery State Troops then in service at s^d New Haven & commanded by Lieu^t John L. Tomlinson. That he thereupon equipped himself in all respects according to Law for service in s^d Artillery Company & served as a Private in the same untill its discharge from s^d Tour & has ever since done duty in s^d last mentioned Company. That at the time he your Memorialist enlisted as afores^d the number of Rank & file in both the Companies Commanded by Capt. Jackson & Capt. Thompson as afores^d were on the Rolls of s^d Companies more than thirty six & the Rank & file in s^d Jackson's Company at present far exceeds that number that notwithstanding on the 22nd day of August 1815 your Memorialist received a Notice in due form from s^d Capt. David Jackson that he (your Petitioner) was fined four

Dollars for non-appearance in s^d^ Jacksons Company on their usual parade on the first Monday of May 1815 as by s^d^ notice accompanying this Memorial will appear. Your Memorialist therefore prays your Excellency to abate the s^d^ Fine & order that he be discharged from paying the same. DERBY August 28th 1815

JOSEPH TOMLINSON

The Facts stated in the foregoing appeal are true to the best of my knowledge

JOHN L TOMLINSON

I Andrew Johnson of Derby in New Haven County of lawful age testify & say that I served as Collector of taxes in Derby in the Fall of 1814 & Spring of 1815, that in obedience to the requirement of an Act entitled "an Act to ascertain the number of persons exempt by Law from Military duty, I called on Capt David Jackson for the Roll of the 2nd Company in the 32nd Regiment commanded by him — — that I took a Copy of the Roll so furnished by s^d^ Jackson, which I now have before me — — that the number of Rank & file on s^d^ Roll is thirty eight, that the Deponent believes the Roll of s^d^ Jackson,s company has since been increased & further this Deponent saith not.

ANDREW JOHNSON

NEW HAVEN COUNTY ss. DERBY Augt 28th 1815

Personally appeared Andrew Johnson & made Oath that the above Deposition contains the truth the whole truth & nothing but the truth before me

JOHN L TOMLINSON Justice of Peace

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Derby Con Aug 29 — —

[Endorsed] Joseph Tomlinson Appeal — rec^d^ 5. Sept. 1815 Issued an order same day — for a hearing at N. Haven on the 13th Oct. next 1'o'clock P.M. Heard the case on the day aforesaid & issued a Genl order *abating* the fine

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

[8:106]

Report of the Ordnance belonging to the State of Connecticut September 1st 1815

Brass Ordnance

Where Deposited	By whom Commanded	N°	Rate	Remarks respecting Quality condition &c. and the Artillery Companies to which the pieces are annexed - - -
Windham	C° Gurdon Hebard	1	6th	This piece is itself in good order But the mounting is considerably out of repair — The neap broken trail transim defective, apron gone. one entire harness gone, and the other of little value — Expence of making the necessary repairs estimated at 36 Dollars — which were ordered to be made immediately — The company to which this piece is annexed consists of 40 non Commd Officers & Privates all of the town of Windham except three or four from the town of Mansfield — The Officers have agreed to erect a Gun house —
Norwich	Captt Chas Thomas	1	6th	This piece ought to be bushed — & otherwise in good repair together with its mounting and appendages, except some small deficiencies in the Harnesses expenses of supplying which was estimated at 5 dollars — ordered to be done — The company to which this Gun is attached consists of 45 non Commd Officers and privates all of Norwich — Place of rendezvous, Norwich — They have no gun house but will erect one as soon as land can be procured on which to place it
New London	Captt John French	2	6th	These Guns are both indifferently mounted, particularly as

				respects the quality of the timber — They are however, in good repair — and have been well housed — The company to which these pieces are annexed consists of about 45 non Commissioned officers & privates all of the Town of New London — will erect a Gun house provided a site can be procured without great expense—
Lyme	Capt Chas Harrison	1	6th	This Gun, with its mounting &c. has had little care taken of it, is less out of repair however than would be expected — necessary repairs, to harness principally, estimated at 10 dollars, ordered to be made — The company to which this gun is attached consists of 25 non C. Officers & privates all of the Town of Lyme — They have agreed to erect a Gun House —
Saybrook Pettipaug Society	Capt Wm Bull	2	6th	These guns are in excellent order —The company to which they are annexd consists of 43 N.C. Officers & privates 25 of which are of Pettipaug the remainder of Saybrook — They have no Gun house but will build one immediately —
Killing-worth	Capt Amariah Bray	2	6th	These Guns are well mounted, and in perfect order — The Company to which they are annexed is formed in equal proportions from the Towns of Killingworth and Haddam — They will erect a Gun house —

New Haven	Capt Joseph A. Bishop	2	6th	These pieces with their mountings, are in good order except one which wants bushing and except the Harnesses — two of which are entirely worn out, and repairs necessary on the others — Expense of repairs, estimated at 30 dollars — ordered to be made —The Company to which they are annexed, consists of 80 N.C. Officers and privates all of the Town of New Haven, except 20 of the Town of North Haven — They will erect a Gun house, provided land can be procured for the purpose —
Bridgeport	Capt Anson Sherman	1	6th	In good repair — The company to which this piece is annexed, consist of 50 non commissioned Officers and privates all of the Town of Stratford except a small number of the Town of Fairfield —
Norwalk	Capt Adam Swan	1	6th	This Gun was originally well mounted, but has been much neglected particularly since the late war having been untill inspected in the month of June last constantly exposed to the weather — Expense of making the necessary repairs estimated at 30 dollars — ordered to be made, and the Gun continued in the hands of Capt. Swan on his agreeing to erect a gun house immediately — The company to which it is annexd consists of 25 non com Officers & privates. all except a small number of the Town of Norwalk —

Derby	Capt Robert Gates	1	6th	This piece was expensively and well mounted and is now in good repair except the vent which requires bushing — The company to which it is annexed consists of 46 non.com. Officers and privates principally of Derby — They will erect a Gun House —
Arsenal at Hartford		2	6th	One of these pieces, was formerly attached to the Hartford Artillery Company commanded by Capt N. Johnson — They are both in complete repair —
Winchester	Capt M. Hayden	2	6th	These were purchased in Decr last and recently mounted at New Haven — Delivered one p your Excellency's Order of the 20th June last —
		8	6th	These Guns are a part of the purchase made in Decr last and were mounted at New Haven — Each piece is furnished with double harness and every necessary implement all in good order —
Arsenal at Hartford		1	6th long	Mounted at Fairfield by Cole — mounting badly constructed and coarsely executed —
		1	6th short	Mounted by Bradley without limbers
		1	6th wrought iron	Mounted on travelling carriage — apparatus complete except double harness
		1	4 short	Mounted at Stratford with a pair of low wooden wheels forward instead of limbers — Implements, in good order — no Harness —
		1	4 long	Mounted by N. Griffin Esqr Guilford — It has no side

				boxes, harness or implements except drag ropes and hand spikes —
		9	6th	These are nearly new Guns, and are a part of the purchase made in Decr last — 2 of them are long & heavy and would bore to 9
		2	6th	These are short and heavy and would bore to 9
		4	6th	Long and old Guns — but serviceable
		1	4th	Long French — Good
Iron Ordnance				Remarks &c
		1	3th	Long & Heavy Gun — but serviceable
Arsenal at Hartford		2	3th	Badly corroded and of little value
		1	9th	Long and old, Knob broken off — mounted on Ship carriage.
		4	9th	Mounted on Ship Carriages — with implements for working them — In good order
		5	12th	Mounted on Ship Carriages — With implements for working them in good order
Whole Num. of Iron Guns		56		

Hartford September 1st 1815

JARED SCARBOROUGH Quarter Master General

Total Brass 6th Guns		16		
Pomfret	Capt Laban Fisher	1	3th	This Gun has been shamefully neglected although a handsome piece and originally well mounted. Having been nearly the whole of the time for the last two years exposed to the weather & frequently lent to individuals — It was found on the public ground near the meeting house in Killingly — This is of course much out of repair — The vent required

				bushing — trail transim, side boxes, elevating screw & limbers were broken — tompion strap, trail handspike, and harness gone — and the wheels badly cracked — Capt Fisher had but recently assumed the command of the company to which it is annexed — has since completely repaired the piece and furnished it with the necessary apparatus at an expense of 36 dollars, and has agreed to erect a Gun house — the company to which this piece is annex^{d} consists of 50 non com officers and privates of the Towns of Pomfret & Killingly in equal proportions —
Danbury		1	3th	This Gun is annex^{d} to the artillery company attach^{d} to 16th Regiment Commanded by Col. Elias Starr and has been stationed at Danbury on the representation of Genl G. Smith, the necessary repairs on the mounting and harness were directed to be made, under the superintendance of Co^{l} Starr —
Washington		1	3th	This piece has been returned good The carriage, unserviceable — It is annexed to the 29th Regiments and on the representation of Genl G. Smith the necessary repairs have been ordered to be made —
Brass Ordnance Where Deposited	By whom commanded	No.	Rate	Remarks &c
Bristol		1	3th	This Gun is generally in good repair — I have not inspected

				it nor received any other than a verbal return from the Captain who commands it —
Sharon		1	3th	Of this piece I have received no return
Tolland	Captn Badger	1	3th	This Gun was originally private property, but ceded to the State and mounted at the expense of the State in 1812 —
Arsenal at Hartford		3	3th	These pieces are all in good order — One of them is the piece formerly attachd to the Hartford Artillery Company Commanded by Capt N. Johnson — One of them was originally attachd to the artillery Company at Bristol, the commander of which expects to recive it again — And the other if I have been correctly informed, was prior to the late war attachd to the artillery company at Sharon —
Total 3th Brass Guns		9		

Iron Ordnance

Where Deposited	By whom Commanded	No. of pieces	Rate	
Brooklyn	Jedediah Darby	2	3th	These are old pieces and their calibers extremely rough — They are in their present condition unfit for service and it is doubtful whether if they were reamed out they would not still be so — The vents also require Bushing and the limber wheels are of little value — they have no elevating screws, shot boxes or harnesses — and most of the implements for working them are worn out — They were originally individual property, and badly calculated for the service

				they were designed for — The company to which they are annexed consists of 40 non commissioned Officers & privates, from the Towns of Brooklyn Killingly, Sterling, Plainfield & Canterbury — It is a good company and the officers are very desirous of being furnished by the State with better pieces — They have a good Gun house at Brooklyn, the usual place of Rendezvous —
Pomfret	Capt Laban Fisher	1	3th	This Gun was originally the property of individuals and was annexed to the Brooklyn Company of Artillery — Its mounting is unfit for service, & the gun itself of little value —
Guilford		1	6th Long French	This Gun was during the late war mounted by the Town of Guilford on Cart wheels — If boxed, it might be made servicable as a 6th perhaps as a 9th
Norwalk		1	4th	This Gun has never been mounted — It was found in the month of June last on the public ground near the Town house where it has been for several years — Ordered to the Arsenal in this City —
Fort Fenwick		1	6th	Mounted on ship Carriage — This Gun was brot from Stonington during the war and mounted for the use of the Fort here —
		1	9th	Brot from New Haven, and mounted in Ship Carriages — These guns are both ordered to the Arsenal —

Simsbury	Capt Sereno Pettibone	1	6th	This Gun has never been returned by Capt Pettibone except verbally —It is stated by him to be unserviceable though well mounted —
Ridgefield		1	4th	This Gun has never been mounted — I have not seen it — A return has been made of it — Good
Watertown		1	6th	I have not examined this Gun — It has been returned however — Good
Stamford		1 wrought iron	6th	These Guns I have not examined — The Wrought Iron is reported by Col Staples as requiring to be bushed — and the cast Iron as being a heavy piece and capable of boring to a 9
		1	6th	

[endorsed] Report of Q.M.G. de Ordnance
1. Sept — 1815 recd 8th Septr

JARED SCARBOROUGH TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:107]

HARTFORD September 1st 1815.

His Excellency J. C. Smith,
Sir,

Inclosed, I have the honour to present your Excellency with a report of the Field and other Ordnance, belonging to the State of Connecticut — — This report shows the condition of the Guns, which are annexed to the artillery companies, in the month of June last; at which time I personally inspected, nearly the whole number which were not in the Arsenal. The orders which were then given to make repairs, were considered necessary to the preservation of the pieces, and to their usefulness to the companies, to which they are attached — — These orders have probably before this, been executed, but return on them, have as yet not been received — — —

In consequence, of the injuries which have been extensively sustained by the Field Artillery, for the want of adequate security against the weather — I have endeavoured to encourage the erection of Gun houses, at the expence of the several Companies, in whose care pieces of cannon are placed, and have informed them, of the resolve of the Gen[l] Assembly which it appears has never been generally known, which entitles them to Four Dollars P annum for the storeage of each Field piece — — A considerable number of gun houses will undoubtedly be erected the present season — —

I have also taken receipts from the Captains, having charge of the pieces attached to their Companies, which receipts are not to be cancelled or given up, but upon a similar receipt being produced by their successors in Office — obligating them also, to keep their Guns well housed to cleanse and oil the harnesses when necessary, and make returns &C — — — These receipts though not made necessary by the Statute, I conceived I had a right to take for the Guns then out, as no receipts at all have to *my knowledge* ever been taken for them — — — — And I have no question but beneficial consequences would result from taking the receipts in all cases from the Captains, who have the immediate care of the Guns, instead of taking them of the Brigadiers who in many instances live at a distance from the place where the Gun is deposited, can be expected to have no direct agency in the care of it, and rarely if ever see it except on the day of Regimental or Brigade inspection —

To the remarks respecting the ordnance, I have subjoined a few facts respecting the location of the several artillery Companies, whose guns I have personally inspected — with the hope that if they are of no particular use, they will be *acceptable* to your Excellency — — —

I remain sir
with great Respect
your most Obedient & most Hlb[e] Srv[t]
JARED SCARBOROUGH Quarter M Gen[l]

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Col. Scarborough enclosing his report. rec^{d} 8. Sept. 1815 answ^{d} D^{o}

DECIUS HUMPHREYS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:108]

CANTON Septr 5th 1815

Respected Sir The members of the Artillery attached to the 18th Reg^{t} of Militia feeling themselves on a level with other Companies are extremely mortified that they have been neglected so much beyond the other Companies of equal standing and would request that your Excellency would take their present condition as to Ordinance into consideration and if their merits and their services have claim to another piece that you would issue an Order to that effect The ancient Militia Companies were furnished with Brass Ordinance some with three Pound others with one Six and one three Pound p[ieces] we consider our claim equal to any other in the State to a Brass Six Pound piece and do not know why the two Brass Sixes are with the New London Company who previous to the war had but one Iron Gun and that equal to their Company which is verry small Those pieces were as we considerd intended for the Ancient Core Companies and if it can be consistent would request that your Excellency would releive us by giveing us one of those Pieces. The ambition of our Company is going down which nothing but a compliance with this request can raise Our Field training is on the 22nd ins^{t} at Canton near the House of Capt Asher Humphreys and if this arrangement could take place so that we might be furnished then we should be extremely gratafied and consider ourselves under the greatest obligations

I am your Excellencys
Obedient and humble Servant
DECIUS HUMPHREYS

His Excellency JOHN C SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Lieut. D. Humphreys 5. Septr 1815 rec^{d} 8. Sept. th answ^{d} D^{o} forwarded by Mr Perkins the Post —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID JACKSON

[8:109]

—— State of Connecticut ——

To Captain David Jackson of the 2nd
Company in the 32nd Regiment of Militia
Greeting

Joseph Tomlinson of Derby, who claims to be a duly enlisted private in the 3rd Company of Artillery, in the late Military Corps of the State, has appealed to me from your sentence imposing a fine upon him for neglect of duty in the Company under your command — —

You are therefore hereby notified that I propose to hear the parties at my Quarters in the City of New Haven on Friday the 13th day of October next at 1.oClock P. M. Untill which time you will suspend the collection of the Fine above mentioned — —

Given under my hand the fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & fifteen

JOHN COTTON SMITH
Captain General

I certify that at Derby on the 13 day of September 1815 I left the original Order of which the within is a true Copy with Capt. David Jackson within named

Indifferent person

Attest ABRAM SMITH

ENCLOSURE

[8:110]

Capt David Jackson	Horrace Bradley
Lut Isaac Thompson	Lewis Johnson
Enn Lewis Remer	David Holbrook
William McNeil	Lyman Dailey
Joseph H Riggs	Russell Carpenter
George W Jones	Rows Stilman
Abiel Pierson	Doct I Short

James Short
Thomas G Yale
Thomas P Davis
Lewis Prindle
Isaac English
John Lewis
Nathan S Swift
Nehemiah Turril
Abijah Bassett
Isaac Smith
Abram Harger Ju^{r}
Giles Dailey
David Hotchkiss Junr
Joseph Tomlinson
Sheldon Tucker
Almond Smith
Isaac Marshall
Augustus Nichols
Josiah Holbrook
Jabez C Thompson
Samuel Hubbell
Calvin Burwell
Henry Johnson
Joseph Smith
Sheldon C. Curtiss
Philander Gillet
James Patchen

[Endorsed] Capt D. Jacksons

LIST OF MEN LIABLE TO DO DUTY

[8:111]

Abiel Piersons —
Jos. H. Riggs —
W^{m} McNeil —
Geo. W. Jones —
Amond Smith —
Raymond Dyer —
William Dyer —
Giles Dailey —
Lyman Dailey —
Isaac Marshall —
William Sparks —
Nathan S. Swift —
Chauncey Baldwin —
Lewis Johnson —
Abijah Bassett —
Nehemiah Turrill —
Willard Barns —
Thos. P. Barns —
David Holbrook —
Josiah Holbrook —
Sheldon C. Curtiss —
John Fitch —
David Hotchkiss Jr. —
Abram Harger Jr —
Isaac English —
Thos G. Yale —
Doct^{t} J. Short —
William Gracie —
Nathan Cogers —
David Lucey
Rouse Stillman
Lewis Prindle —
Nison Foote —
Beers Hotchkiss —
Shelden Tucker —
Philemon Burritt —
Horace Bradley —
Russell Carpenter —

James Short —
Isaac Smith
Jos. H. Smith
Samuel Hubbell —
Nathan Curtiss —
James Patchen
John Lewis
Joseph Tomlinson
Augustus Nichols
Jabez C. Thompson
Calvin Burwell

Henry Johnson
Philander Gillet
51

Geo. W. Jones was sworn & testified the foregoing men with the exception of Jn° Fitch are liable to do duty

Henry Johnson
Philander Gillet } Not old enough
John Lewis

[Endorsed] Roll for Capt. Jackson[s] Co

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID JACKSON

[8:112]

State of Connecticut ss — —

To Captain David Jackson of the 2nd company in the 32nd regiment of Militia — Greeting — —

Joseph Tomlinson of Derby, who claims to be a duly enlisted private in the 3rd company of artillery in the late Military corps of the state, has Appealed to me from your Sentence imposing a fine upon him for neglect of duty in the company under your command — —

You are therefore hereby notified that I propose to hear the parties at my Quarters in the city of New Haven on Friday the 13th day of October next 1'o'clock P. M. — Until which time you will suspend the collection of the fine above mentioned —

Given under my hand at Sharon the 5th day of September AD 1815 —

J. C. S. Capt. Gen[l] — —

Sir

I have received your appeal & now enclose an order of notice which you will cause to be delivered without delay to Capt. Jackson by some indifferent person — Let the person who delivers the order give a certificate of the fact —

You will perceive by the order that I have appointed friday the 13th Oct. next 1'o'clock P. M. for a hearing of the appeal at my Quarters in the city of N. Haven —

I am Sir your obt sert

Mr JosH Tomlinson

[Endorsed] Copy of order & letter —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SERENO PETTIBONE

[8:113]

Sharon 8. Sept. 1815 —

Sir —

I have just received a report from the Q. M. General of the state of the ordnance — by which I am happy to perceive it will probably be in our power to furnish the company under your command with a brass 6lb gun — — Instructions to this effect are this day forwarded by mail to Col. Scarborough —

I am Sir respectfully
your obt Sert
J. C. S —

Capt. S. Pettibone —

Sharon 8. Sept. 1815

Sir —

Your letter has been delivered to me by Mr Perkins — The enclosed addressed to Capt. Pettibone you are at liberty to read & you will then be so good as to forward it to him —

I have been long anxious to furnish your company with better ordnance — but found it impossible to do so until a return should be received from the Q. M. General — The return has this day come to hand —

I am Sir your obt Sert —

[Endorsed] To Capt. Pettibone & Lieut. Humphreys forwarded by Mr Perkins (Post) 9. Sept.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JARED SCARBOROUGH

[8:114]

Sharon Sept. 8th 1815 —

Sir

Your report of the State of the ordnance is just received — I

have only time to observe that it is highly satisfactory & that your arrangements in my opinion, are alike judicious and correct — —

The Artillery Company attached to the 18th Regt and commanded by Capt. S. Pettibone are extremely pressing for a brass 6lb gun — I am disposed to gratify them, both because they are a large & meritorious company and because the *iron* piece they now have is stated in your report "as unserviceable" — It is my desire therefore that one of the brass sixes in the Arsenal should be delivered to Captain Pettibone upon the terms you have recently prescribed in other cases — The other 6lb. gun will undoubtedly be reserved for the use of the Artillerists at Hartford — I should be happy to furnish Capt Johnson's fine company with two pieces of like calibre & I trust we shall be able to do so at no distant day — at present I hope they will be satisfied with the number & quality of guns they possessed at the commencement of the late war —

Your obedient & hum. sert

Col. Scarborough —

[Endorsed] To Col. Scarborough Q. M. General —

PETITION FROM MIDDLETOWN

[8:115]

Middletown 22d Septr 1815.

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith

Sir

The undersign'd being subjects of military duty and residing in Middletown in the districts of Staddle Hill & Newfield are desirous of forming themselfs into a rifle company for the following reasons

first. That the militia Company to which they now belong has more than twice the number that is requir'd for one command

second. that the place of parade is so far distant as to occasion much inconvenience

third that they would prefer doing duty in a rifle corps to any other

Shou'd your Excellency think proper to grant this petition you will confer a favor on Sir with much Respect

Your Ob^{t} Hum^{l} Ser^{ts}

Alvin North	Amos Lucas
Selah North	Luther Starr
Linus Hubbard	Samuel Bartlett
Johnathan Barns	Joel Johnson
Jared Wilcox	Daniel K Howell
Asa Warner	Elihu Phelps
Edward S. Cooley	Elsworth Phelps
Spencer Rust	Daniel H. Smith
Samuel Spalding	Ansel Lewis
George Bidwell	Joel Clark
Jonas Chapin	Horace Wetmore
Abijah North	James Hotchkiss
Ozias Case	Abraham Warner
Oliver Newton	Paul Hammond
Dennis Tryon	William A. Hall
Selden Prior	Elisha Hubbard Jr
Samuel Patten	Johnathan Hart
Ira Crowfoot	Samuel Smith
Eli Wilcox	Benjamin A. Bradley
John Rogers	Ezra Spencer
Morris Bailey	Amos Tolles
John Wilson	William Chapin
Davis S. Strong	Simeon Parsons
Alfred Davis	John Patrick
Samuel Beckley	Martin Griswold
Jeptha Lewis	William Hale Jr
Johnathan Lewis	James Yale
Johnathan Judd	Edward Yeomans
Randal Covey	Seth Hall
Samuel B Smith	Julius Bowers
John R Southmayd	Chauncey Wetmore

A true copy from the original
MIDDLETOWN. Jany 10th 1816.
Test NATHAN STARR, JR

[8:116]

Printed form letter dated Washington September 25 1815 omitted in this publication.

AN ACCOUNT WITH THE UNITED STATES

[8:117]

The United States In Account with the State of Connecticut for the following Expenses incurred by the State in consequence of the War

Debtor

1812 May 15	To Eben^{r} Huntington Adj^{t} Genl for detaching Militia under date 30 Ap^{l} 1812	12.00
1813 July 13	To Wm Williams Acc^{t} May 1813 for Expense repairing & Rent of building for an Arsenal at New London, pursuant to Resolve of Assembly	170.99
Nov. 18	To Ichabod Ward for loss by him sustained in a Contract for supplying Troops at New London &c with Rations per Resolve of Assembly	200.00
27	To Eben^{r} Huntington Adj Genl for services on several Journies to New London &c from 17 May to 19th Nov. about defence of New London & detaching Militia	147.62
1814 May 24	To Seth P. Staples for Journey to Hartford & New London for duties Exellency	24.84
28	To Henry Champion for . . . ditto . . . d^{o} d^{o}	23.80
June 16	To Seth P. Staples for expences of examining & proving Iron Ordinance, borring out the same & journey from Stonington to Greenwich & Hartford	386.80
Sept. 10	To Seth P. Staples, expence of Journey Hartford to New London for duties Exell^{y}	18.00
22	To James Ward Com^{g} Genl his account Supplies to Troops at New London &c in 1813 allowed by the announcement of War Department	17,102.30

	30	To ditto . . . his additional Acc^{t} & personal Services in 1813	1,384.49
Aug^{t}	15	To Eben^{r} Huntington Adj^{t} Genl for postage & Stationary, Journeys to Hartford & New London &c detaching Militia	92.72
1815			
April	26	To John Mix Q M Genl for expenses incurred in 1813 & 1814 for transportation of Baggage, Artillery amunition &c for troop called out for defence of Sea Coast &c Camp equipage, expenses barrack hire & personal Services	13,240.90
		To Grant of Assembly to W^{m} C Bull for Injury by him sustained by the explosion of an Amunition Box on duty at Pettypauge in April 1814	27.92
		To James Ward Com^{g} Genl for Rations, Straw, Wood, potatoes & Hospital expences for Troops called out for defence of the Sea Coast in 1814	26,316.00
May	19	To Hez^{h} Goddard Pay Mas Genl for the Extra pay of the Troops called out in the year 1813 at rate 2 doll p^{r} month	8,357.98
	20	To ditto . . . for pay of Troops called out 1814 pay at 10 doll p^{r} m^{o}	83,734.87
Sep^{r}	30	To John Mix late Q M Genl additional acc^{t} expence of Expresses, Transporta^{n} &c	130.36
	"	To James Ward Com^{g} Genl ditto provisions Hospital Expence &c	1,382.81
	"	To Ebenezer Huntington Adj^{t} Genl for 2 Journies to New London to consult with Genl Cushing	20.82
	"	To Arnold Foot for short pay of Detach^{t} of Troops allowed by Commiss^{er}	72.40
	"	To Walter Buddington & W. Hotchkiss expence of erecting battery on the Pier at	

	New Haven, am^{t} of Grant of Assembly for that purpose (300) . . . am^{t} of Acc^{t}	343.83	300.00
			153,147.62

Creditor

1814		
Sept 22	By advance made to James Ward Com^{g} General on Acc^{t} of supplies to the Troops at New London in 1813 by the Department of War	13,000.00
Sept 30	By John Mix Q M. Genl for Horses & waggon sold	865.63
	By ditto for advance made by the War Department to him in Sep^{t} 1813	3,000.00
		16,865.63

BILL REGARDING FISHNETS IN LITCHFIELD PONDS

[8:118]

An Act to regulate the Fishery in the Ponds in Litchfield.
Be it enacted by the Governor and Council and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled,

That no person or persons shall set, or draw any seine, or Net, or other fish-craft, for the purpose of taking fish in either of the Ponds in the *Town* of Litchfield on penalty of forfeiting the sum of thirty four Dollars, the one half to the use of him who shall sue for & prosecute the same to effect, & the other half to the Treasury of the Town of *Litchfield* — —

General Assembly
October Session 1815
Passed in the Upper House
Attest
THOMAS DAY Sec^{y}

Genl Ass. Octo Sess 1815
In the House of Repr dissented to
Attest S. P STAPLES Clk

[Endorsed] Bill de Fish-nets in Litchfield Ponds — P. U. H. 1st

read Oct 12th 2d nov postponed Refered to a Committee sig. Mess North Sterling & Day 20th postponed H. R. N.

THOMAS DAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:119]

HARTFORD October 13. 1815.

Dear sir,

Since the receipt of your communication of the 21st ultº I have made frequent enquiries for the Schooner Piper, Capt. J. D. Ranney. I am informed that she has been in the River ten or twelve days, but she has not yet got up. It is not probable now that I shall be able to acquaint you with her arrival until I meet you at New-Haven.

I have just taken from the Post-Office three copies of the Journal of the House of Reps. U. S. third Session of the thirteenth Congress, directed to the Governour of this State, and franked by the Assistant P. M. G.

I have lately forwarded copies of Statutes passed since the last edition of the statute-book down to the present time, to the Executives of Delaware, Maryland, North-Carolina, Ohio and New-York. I had before forwarded similar copies to the Executives of Massachusetts New-Hampshire and Vermont. At the time I came into this Office the business of distributing the statutes in this State and abroad was done by the Comptroller. After I had been in office two or three years, Mr. Colt handed me over a number of volumes which had been forwarded to send to other States, but gave me no list of such States as had been furnished and such as had not been. I have therefore been, and still am, in some degree, necessarily ignorant of my duty in relation to this subject. If I could once get the business placed upon an intelligible footing, I would endeavour to conduct it correctly.

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With the highest respect
Your friend & obedt Servt
THOMAS DAY

His Excelly
Govr SMITH.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon — 15

[Endorsed] Secretary Day — rec^{d} 6. Oct. 1815

SAMPSON BENNET TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:120]

To his Excellency John C. Smith Esqr Capt General and commander in chief of the Militia in the State of Connectiuct The subscriber begs leave to state his Situation in the Militia and to request if possible for the Commander in chief to discharge him from military duty haveing served as a soldier ten Years in the 6th Company 21st Reg^{t} in May AD 1807 your petitioner was chosen Corporal and was in the Month of May AD 1809 chosen a Sergeant in s^{d} Company in the Month of May AD 1814 the Capt of s^{d} company having been discharg,d the company was led to a choice the Youngest Sergeant was appointed Lieutenant the Ensign of s^{d} Company haveing been superceaded he was discharg,d in the same Month and the company led to a choice and the Youngest Corporal appointed Ensign I applied to the Colonel of the Reg^{t} for a recommendation to the Brigadier [Gen]eral for a discharge from Military duty and obtained a [Rec]ommendation but the Brigadier General haveing receivd an order from the Capt General that Sergeants were not to be discharged in no case I could not obtain one I have continued in my post and was detach,d to perform a tour of duty to Newlondon and went and performd the Same in the Month of September last the Commander of s^{d} Company haveing been dischargd the company was led to a choice of Officers and the Youngest Sergeant was chosen Ensign and your petitioner would beg leave to state that theer is no prospect of his being promoted in office and that he has serv,d nearly seven Years as Sergeant and that he has never fail,d to perform his duty to the acceptance of the officers of s^{d} Company and Reg^{t} and to be superceded by those who have never done duty in s^{d} Company more than four Years gives a feeling to your petitioner which is not agreeable I therefore pray the Capt General

to discharge me from Military duty Dated at Sterling the 4th day of October AD 1815

SAMPSON BENNET

To his Excellency John C. Smith Esqr Capt General Commander in chief of the Militia in the State of Connecticut

Sir I would beg leve to state my Sitution in the Militia and to request if Possible a discharge from Military duty I have served as Sergeant in the 6th Company 21st Regiment all most five Years I have been superceeded three times and their is no prospect that I should ever be promot,d was I to continue I have allways endevourd to due[sic] my duty faithfully and have never been censur,d by the officers of sd Company nor Regt I therefore desire the Capt General to discharge me from Military duty

GIDEON PERKINS

His Excelly John C Smith Esqr Commander in Chief of the Militia in Connecticut —

The statement of the aforesaid Sampson Bennet and Gideon Perkins Sergeants in the 6th Company 21st Regt are correct and their situation in the company can not be agreeable to them I therefore recommend them to the Capt General for a discharge from Military duty I am with respect your humble Servt

PLAINFIELD October 9th 1815

GEORGE W GORDON Lieutt Colol 21st Regt

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr New Haven

[Endorsed] Sampson Bennett & Gideon Perkins's application for discharges —

MEMORIAL AND PETITION FROM INHABITANTS OF LITCHFIELD

[8:121]

To his Excellency the Governor,
the Council & House of Representatives
of the State of Connecticut, to be Convened
in General Court at New Haven on the
second Thursday of October instant,

The Memorial & Petition of the Subscribers, Inhabitants of the Town of Litchfield, in said State, humbly sheweth:

That by great Exertion & considerable Expence, the Inhabitants of said Town have introduced into the Pond, within the Limits of said Town, an excellent Fish commonly Called *Pickerell,* which have increased so as to become very useful to the Inhabitants of said Town. Your Memorialists beg leave farther to state, that since these Fish have grown to a proper size to be taken, the Inhabitants of several other Neighbouring Towns, not content with the priviliege of fishing with the hook (which has never been denied them) have introduced *seins,* or *fish Nets* into said Pond, & have taken great Quantities of our fish by such means, to the great Annoyance & Injury of the Inhabitants of this Town — — —

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that an Act may be passed by this Genl Assembly, totally prohibiting any & all Persons from drawing a Seine or fish-Net in said Pond, for the purpose of taking fish therefrom

And Your Petitioners, as in Duty bound, will ever Pray — —

LITCHFIELD October 9th 1815

OLIV WOLCOTT	ELIJAH ADAMS
LUCIUS SMITH	AARON SMITH
AMBROSE NORTON	STEPHEN CLARK
SIMEON PALMER JUR	MORRIS WOODRUFF
RICHD BRADLEY	GROVE CATLIN
BENJN TALLMADGE	DANL SHELDON
JAMES GOULD	URIEL HOLMES
JULIUS DEMING	JNO R LANDON
TAPPING REEVE	HORACE HUNTINGTON
PHILIP WELLS	CHARLES G. BENNETT
MOSES SEYMOUR JUNR	ORREN JUDD

General Assembly
October Session 1815

The prayer of the foregoing Petition is granted
Attest. THOMAS DAY Secy

Genl Ass. Octo Sess. 1815

In the House of Repr The prayer of this Pet^{n} is Not Granted
Attest S. P STAPLES Clerk
[Endorsed] Memorial & Petition of Litchf^{d} Inhabit^{s} &c &c
G. U. H.
H. R. N.

PETITION FOR DISCHARGE OF SERG^{T} ISAAC STODDARD

[8:122]

The Subscribers being personally acquainted with Serg^{t} Isaac Stoddard of the 3rd Company 8th Reg^{t} Connecticut Millitia are of opinion that he ought to be discharged from military duty in consequence of a lameness in his left wrist which has been of long continuance & is considered as being incurable GROTON Otober 10th 1815

RALPH HURLBUTT

To his Excellency JOHN C SMITH
Capt Genl Connecticut Militia

DANIEL AVERILL
NORMAN B. BROWN
ALEXANDER ALLYN
JABEZ AVERILL
EBENEZER P. MINER

DAVID HALL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:123]

LITCHFIELD 10th October 1815

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Capt General — — — — —

Sir

Having the honor to hold the office of first Lieut. in the 4th Company 1st Reg^{t} State Corps which office I have held, from the organization of said Corps & the time for which said Corps was raised having expired, I therefore take the liberty to tender to your Excellency the resignation of the office aforesaid & pray Your Excellency to Accept the same, together with my thanks for the honor which has been confered upon me — — —

I am with sentiments of the highest consideration
Your Excellencys very Obedient
& very Humble Servt
DAVID HALL — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr New Haven — —

[Endorsed] Lieut. David Hall Resignation in the Mil. corps —

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:124]

State of Connecticut
HEAD QUARTERS NEW HAVEN
13. Oct. 1815 —

Genl Orders

The Capt. Genl. having heard the appeal of Joseph Tomlinson from the sentence of Capt. David Jackson of the 2nd compy in the 32nd Regt imposing a fine of four dollars upon the said Joseph for non appearance in said 2nd company at their usual place of parade on the first monday in May last, is satisfied from the evidence that the said Joseph then was & now is a duly enlisted private in the 3rd company of State-Artillery commanded by Capt. Robert Gates — Accordingly the Capt. Genl directs that the fine imposed as aforesaid be, & the same hereby is, abated —

Capt—Robert Gates or in his absence his first Lieut. Jno L. Tomlinson will leave an attested copy of this order with the said Capt. David Jackson without delay and transmit the original with his report to the office of the Adjutant General —

By order of the Capt. Genl —

[Endorsed] Dr of Genl order —

NATHAN WILLIAMS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:125]

EAST HADDAM Oct 14th 1815 — —

Sir,

Having served two years as commander of the 1st Troop in

the Squadron of Cavalry (State Corps) & previously served upwards of twenty years in the Militia, and being feeble in health I flatter myself I am entitled to a discharge from any further services. under all these circumstances I beg Your Excellency & the Honb[l] Counsel to axcept my resignation of the command entrusted to me in the 1st Troop.

I have the honour to be your
Excellencies Ob[nt] humb[l] Servn[t]
NATHAN WILLIAMS Comm[dr] of the 1st Troop in the
Squadron of Cavalry (state corps)

His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH.
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH New-Haven.
[Endorsed] Capt. N. Williams Resignation — State cavalry —
— Accepted oct. 1815

E. BRONSON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:126]

PHILADELPHIA, 18th Octo[r] 1815.

Dear sir,

Will you permit me to introduce to the acquaintance of your Excellency, Cadwalader Evans, Esquire, a gentleman who has long been an active and useful agent in the publick concerns of this Commonwealth, and especially as a member of our legislature. His object in visiting your state is the acquisition of information with a view to publick improvements in our own. He is especially desirous of ascertaining the nature and extent of the improvements which have been made or are now making in the navigation of Connecticut river, in the hope of obtaining useful hints in regard to the improvement of the navigation of the Schuylkill. I am sure that Your Excellency will feel a pleasure in communicating to Mr. Evans any information which you may possess upon that subject, and also in referring him to such other sources as may be known to you.

I remain, Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
servant,
E. BRONSON.

His. Excellency Gov. SMITH.
[Superscribed] His Excellency, JOHN C. SMITH, Governour of Connecticut. New Haven. Mr. Evans.
[Endorsed] Mr E. Bronson's letter of Recommendation C. Evans —

JOSEPH TOUSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:127]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr
Sir

When the State Corps was raised for the defence of this State I had the honour of a first Lieutenant's Commission in the 2nd Company in the first Regt and served one Campaign at New London, after which I had the honour of being by your Excellency Commissioned as a Capt of said Company. Being a military exempt at the time I accepted my first Commission and having accepted that with a view to serve your Excellency and the State during the then existing war, and that war having long since terminated, I am induced to offer my resignation of my office of Capt of said Company, confidently hoping that your Excellency will accept the same

I am Sir with Respect your
NEWTOWN Oct. 28th 1815 Excellency's humble Sert
JOSEPH TOUSEY

His Excellency Govr SMITH —
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr New Haven Connt New Town 29th Octr
[Endorsed] Capt. Tousey's resignation — —

STEPHEN SHELTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:128]

PLYMOUTH October 28th 1815

To His excellency
John Cotton Smith

Stephen Shelton would inform your excellency that in January 1813 your excellency did him the honour to appoint him an

Ensign in the 8th Company and 1t Regt of State Corps formed and established for the defence of the State and Command by Capt John Buckingham your Petitioner would further state that upon [hi]s receiving his Commission equipt himself as the Law directs has been in actual Service in two Campaigns the one at New London the other at New Haven and has done his duty as an Ensign in said Company ever since as the Law directs your Petitioner would therefore request your excellency to take his case in to your wise consideration and if consistent with the rules and regulations of Military disipline to give him your Petitioner an honourable dismission from the State Corpse and from Military duty

I have the honour to be your
excellency most obedient friend
and humble Servant

STEPHEN SHELTON

[Superscribed] His excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH New Haven

[Endorsed] Lieut. Shelton's resignation — State corps — —

ABEL FLINT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:129]

HARTFORD October 30. 1815 —

May it please your Excellency,

Your letter of the 25th. Instant was handed to me on Saturday. As you have seen fit to appoint me "to preach before the Honourable the General Assembly, at the next anniversary Election," I consider it my duty to comply with your request, and shall therefore endeavour to perform the service. I feel highly honoured by the appointment, and am gratified with it as expressive of your approbation. I can truly say, however, that I am induced to accept of it, not from an ambitious desire to officiate on that public and important occasion, but from deference and respect for your Excellency.

That the blessing of Heaven may attend you and your family, and that you may be divinely assisted in discharging the

arduous duties of the station which you are called to fill, is the sincere wish and ardent prayer

of your most obedient
and very humble Servant,
ABEL FLINT — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH New Haven — —

[Endorsed] Revd Mr Flint's acceptance — —

RALPH HALL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:130]

MIDDLETOWN 30th Oct 1815

Dear Sir — — —

In consequence of various inconveniences attending my holding a Commission in the 3rd Troop Cavalry I must beg a Discharge from that Corpse, in which I accepted a Commission as an exempt from Military Duty — — I have attended to the concern of S^{d} Cavalry in Raiseing Equiping &C at no less expence than two hundred Dollars without Receiveing any compensation Wherefore I must Solicit your consideration for Relief — — With Respect

Your Obd^{t} Serveant RALPH HALL
Cornet 3rd Troop Cavalry State Corpse

[Superscribed] JOHN C SMITH Esq at Newhaven Ct

[Endorsed] Cornet Ralph Halls resignation —

JOHN LESTER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:131]

To his excellency John C. Smith Esqr

Dear Sir

The 7th company of the 2nd Reg^{t} of the late State Corps having at the close of the war or at May Session la[s]t petitioned your excellency to be organized an artillery Comp^{y} and attached to the 8th Reg^{t} Con^{n} Militia. Having now learned that the Artillery

are to be a sepperate Corps by an act of the Legislature at their late Session — — Beg le[a]ve humbly to renew s^{d} Petition by the request and in behalf of s^{d} petitioners and some others belonging to said 7th Comp^{y} and to express to your excellency our desire to become one of the companies to forme the two Reg^{ts} now authorised by the Hon^{l} Legislature of this State believing that a large and respectable company may be formed in this Vicinity It would be very grattifying to your former petitioners to be organised under the present Law if deemed expedient and as in duty bound will ever pray

JOHN LESTER

PRESTON Novr 9th 1815

[Superscribed] JOHN. C. SMITH Esqr Sharon Con^{n}

[Endorsed] John Lester de forming Artillery comp. answ^{d} in affirmative by Ad. Genl Huntington 16. Novr 1815

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:132]

Connecticut Militia
General orders

Novr 16. 1815 —

Conformably to the provisions of the Act for forming & conducting the military force of this state passed at the late session of the Legislature the Captain General has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen Judge advocates in the respective counties —

to wit

Godfrey Scarborough Esqr for the county of Hartford
Leonard E. Wales Esqr for the county of New Haven
Henry Strong Esquire for the county of New London
Clarke Bissell Esqr for the county of Fairfield
Simon Davis Junr Esq. for the county of Windham
Jabez. W. Huntington Esqr for the county of Litchfield
Jonathan Barnes Junr Esq. for the county of Middlesex
Elisha Stearns Esq. for the county of Tolland —

and they are to be respected accordingly — —

CIRCULAR

[8:133]

SHARON 18. Novr 1815

Sir

Circular

By the new act for forming & conducting the military force of this state the Captain General is authorized to call to his assistance such officers of the Militia as may be necessary to enable him to carry into effect several important objects proposed by that act —

The Captain General is desirous of obtaining in the first instance the advice and opinion of the Major Generals and Brigadier Generals of the militia relative to the reduction of the infantry to the number of divisions and brigades prescribed by the Legislature — For this purpose I have it in charge from His Excellency to request your attendance with the other general officers at Lewis's inn in Farmington on the 19th day of Decr next at 9'o'clock P. M. The officers when thus assembled will constitute a board at which Major General Cowles will preside, to take into consideration the most advisable mode of forming the divisions & brigades of infantry agreeably to the act — assigning the limits of each, and report their opinion to the Captain General at as early a day thereafter as may be convenient — The Adjutant General is directed to attend the board with such documents as may serve to aid them in their deliberations —

You will perceive Sir the great importance of a ready & punctual compliance with this request —

By order of the Captain General —

[Endorsed] D^{r} of Orders for a Board of Genl off. 19. Decr 1815 — at Farmington —

WILLIAM TROWBRIDGE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:134]

MIDDLETOWN Novr 25th 1815

Sir by your Eccellencys order to Capt Hubbard discharging him from Military duty untill further or-

ders, together with his orders to me the command of the Third Troop Cavalry State Corps devoves upon me, I beg, should it be consistent with the new plan of organization of Militia Genrally (and Capt Hubbard considered as wholly discharged) that your Eccellency would order that the said Troop be led to the Choice of officers to fill the vacancies accasioned by the resignation of Capt Hubbard — The interest and honor of the Troop require that our imperfect state should be more complete — — by what I can learn from the Members of the Troop Generally it is their wish to remain as Cavalry — — Your Eccellency will please to direct in regard to future enlistments

Your Eccellency most Obedient Servant
WM TROWBRIDGE

His Eccellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Eccellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Connecicut

[Endorsed] Wm Trowbridge 25. Novr 1815 de state cavalry — Recd & Answd 2. Decr

ABRAHAM I. CHITTENDEN TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:135]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire Capt
Genl Contl Militia —

Sir,

There are about thirty men within the Town of Guilford belonging to the 5t Compy 2d Regt State Troops which I have the honor to command, & who are generally anxious to be formed into a company of light artillery — The remainder of my company amounting to about 20 men reside in the Town of Branford & it is very inconvenient that the whole should be formed into one company, as many of the men in that case, would be from 16 to 20 miles distant from each other. But could I be allowed by your Excellency to enrol such of the state troops residing in the Town of Guilford, as choose to belong to an Artillery Company, & fill the Company by enlist-

ments from the militia in s^{d} Town, a company could be immediately formed without reducing the Militia Companies below thirty six rank & file, & such an arrangement would be very gratifying to the feelings of the inhabitants, who from experience are convinced that artillery is much the most efficient military force in a Town situated as ours is — — — — —

Wherefor the undersigned begs of your Excellency to grant him liberty to enrol such of the State Troops & militia residing in the Town of Guilford, as may be necessary to fill an Artillery Company & to give to some meet person orders to lead said company so enrolled to a choice of officers, laying such restrictions upon the enrolment as your Excellency may deem proper —

The undersigned is very respectfully
Your Excellency's
Most ob^{t} & very hum^{l} ser^{t}
AB^{M} J CHITTENDEN
Capt 5 Co. 2^{d} Reg^{t} state Troops

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH, Esqr Capt Genl Con^{t} Militia, Sharon, Connecticut Guilford Nov 29

[Endorsed] Capt. A. J. Chittenden 29. Novr 1815 rec^{d} & answ^{d} 6. Dec^{r}

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[8:136]

SHARON 2. Decr 1815

Dr Sir

In the copy you left with me of our sketch of the new divisions & brigades the town of Marlborough seems either to have been overlooked — or by mistake retained in the first division — It must probably compose a part of the second division — and in exchange for it I am inclined to believe the town of Wolcott in N. Haven county should be added to the first brigade — I also apprehend we shall not make the second brigade sufficiently

strong without including therein the town of Waterbury — It should be considered that very many of our young men on the coast will be concerned in navigation — we ought therefore to throw a larger population into the regiments on navigable waters than in the interiour — Indeed having amused myself since your departure with running out the limits of regiments, I find an insuperable difficulty in the arrangements for the second brigade without comprehending the town of Waterbury — These things I suggest for consideration when you meet the General officers —

Our complement of eight artillery is now full & I fear to overflowing — Consequently future applications from the late state troops must be limited either to horse artillery or riflemen — both of which corps it is desirable to fill speedily — —

Expecting to see you after your attendance at Farmington I am in the meantime Dr Sir &c

[Endorsed] To the Adjt General — 2. Decr 1815

RETURN OF THE MATROSS COMPANIES

[8:137]

A return of the Metross Companies of the State of Connecticut . . . dated at Norwich 2 December, 1815. Statistics omitted in this publication.

RECOMMENDATION FROM NATHANIEL SMITH AND NOAH B. BENEDICT

[8:138]

Woodbury Decr 4th 1815

We the subscribers are of opinion that John P Marshall of Woodbury is a suitable character & well qualifyed to execute & discharge the duties of a Notary Publick — — — — — — —

Nathaniel Smith
Noah B Benedict

[Endorsed] Certificate de Notary publick

INSPECTION RETURNS

[8:139–141]

Inspection Returns 1815. Statistics omitted in this publication.

NATHAN PRESTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:142]

WOODBURY Decr 4th 1815

Sr

Agreeable to your directions I have procured a certificate for the appointment of John P Marshall a Notary Publick & have enclosed it I wish the appointment to be forwarded by letter to either him or me — —

I am with respect your
Excellencys most obedient
& humble servant
NATHAN PRESTON

His Excellency
JN^{O} C SMITH Esqr
[Superscribed] His Excellency JN^{O} C SMITH Esqr Sharon
[Endorsed] Nathan Preston Esq. de Notary Public

JOHN BUTLER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:143]

DURHAM December 6th 1815

Dear Sir

The Company of State Troops of wich I have the Command met last week to confer together respecting petitioning your Excellencey to form them into an Artillery or Rifel Company the Question arose respecting the Uniform & extra Equipments beyond wich we are now furnished of wich facts they wished me to enquire of you by letter, also whether we could not continue unbroken and be attached to the redg^{t} of Militia as A flank Company if so whether our presant uniform would answer without material alteration

I would further represent to Your Excelencey that empeld by the ardore of my fealings when I vewed my Country Drawn

into an unpolitic war thretened by foreign foes & domestic discontents I reddily embark[d] in its Cause but the return of peace and having arive to the Forty fourth year of my age with a numerous family of Smal[l] Children and declining health all Serve to Dampen my Military ardor, although I feel the Most lively sence of gratitude to your Excellencey for the respect shown me in the appointment receved and for the reasons above stated the same emmotions would bee[sic] heightened by a dismissal from Military duty I would further represent that the first Lieutanant of our Company for the year past been troubled with deafness and has not appeared at Company Exersise and has now left America & Calculates for some time to reside in the west Indies for wich reason I would Suggest the Expediancy of Advanceing the Second Lieutenant to be Cap[t] the Ensign to be Lieutenant and Advancing M[r] Joseph Tuttle the first Sergent to a Commition — — — — —

I am With Respect
your Excelenceys most
Obedient & Humble
Servent
JOHN BUTLER
Cap[t] of 6 Company of
2 Reg[t] of State Troops

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Sharon C[t]
[Endorsed] Capt. John Butler 6. Dec[r] 1815 red[d] & answ[d] 8th Rifle corps — & his discharge —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ABRAHAM I. CHITTENDEN

[8:144]

SHARON 6. Dec[r] 1815

Sir —

Your letter is just received —

By the new militia-act the Light Artillery is to consist of only twenty four companies — and we have already that number engaged. — Some of the old artillery companies indeed unless they

are speedily recruited must be reduced. In which case there will be an opportunity for others to be formed and I should in that event most cheerfully accede to your proposition of raising a company of Light Artillery in the town of Guilford — But as such an arrangement is quite uncertain would it not be advisable for you to form a company of *Horse Artillery* — It is undoubtedly the most efficient force that can be employed and is eminently calculated for sea coast defence — Should your company incline to enter this Corps they shall be accepted, and liberal instructions given for further enlistments —

I feel with you & the other inhabitants of Guilford a strong desire that an artillery company of some kind should be located in that town —

If your company however prefer to become *Riflemen* I will readily accept them in that character & will give you orders to recruit the requisite additional number from the Infantry —

I am Sir respectfully &c —

Capt. CHITTENDEN

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN BUTLER

[8:145]

SHARON 8. Decr 1815

Sir

Your letter of the 6th instant is received — The corps of Light Artillery is full — and we have already more flank companies in the militia than the new arrangement allows — It follows that the late State-troops unless they choose to return to militia infantry must either become Horse Artillery or Riflemen — Having a high sense of their merit I shall be very happy to receive them into either of those two corps — —

Should your company incline to become Riflemen I will cheerfully accept them as such — allow them to wear their present uniforms and give them a reasonable time to procure other equipments required by the Act — After they are accepted as part of the Rifle corps or as horse-artillery if they prefer it I will comply with your request for an honourable discharge

& issue ordees to lead the company to a choice of officers, & if they are not full to recruit the requisite number from the infantry —

I am Sir respectfully your
ob^{t} Ser^{t} J. C S —

Capt. Jno Butler

DAVID DEMING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:146]

Colchester Decb^{r} 20th 1815

Dear Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the recp^{t} of your Excellencies favour of the 16th ins^{t} I shall most cheerfully, though with deference to your superior judgment, communicate my ideas upon the points suggested. I fully concur in opinion with your Excellency that the sooner the surplus reg^{ts} of Cavalry are derange the better, various reasons induce me to believe that all the Cavalry prescribed by the late act of the Legislature should be placed in the centre of the State, & equally important that the Horse Artillery should be located upon the sea Coast, whether this mode would be expedient, I am not now prepared to say. I expected the regiments upon the Sea Coast ere this, would have offered their services as Horse Artillery, & am of opinion that nothing but a want of correct information upon the subject, & a fear of subjecting themselves to the expence of purchasing a uniform prevents. Were a Genl order issued requiring the several comm^{dts} of reg^{ts} to convene, for the purpose of conferring upon the subject of filling the ranks of the Horse Artillery &c, I am persuaded a plan would be recommended, acceptable to your Excellency, & satisfactory to the Corps. Indeed under all circumstances I know of no mode so well calculated to effect the object desired — — —

I have the honour to be your Excellencies
Obedient & humble servt
David Deming

His Excellency John Cotton Smith

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Con, Colchester, Con. Decem^r 22.
[Endorsed] Col. Deming — de cavalry —

[8:147]

Report on Connecticut Militia relative to census, year not given. Omitted in this publication.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF INFANTRY

[8:148]

Names & rank of Colonels

Col^o James Loomis	1 reg^t resides in Windsor		appointed May 1815
Elisha Hull	2^d	New Haven	Octo^r 1813
William Moore	3	Waterford	May 1812
Gershom Burr	4	Fairfield	Octo^r 1811
David Young	5	Windham	Octo^r 1815
Martin Kellogg	6	Wethersfield	June 1813
John Brainerd	7	Haddam	Octo^r 1813
William Belcher	8	late of Griswold now of New London	May 1810
Ebenezer Mead	9	Greenwich	June 1814
Vacant	10		
Zephaniah Williams	11	Pomfret	Octo^r 1813
Cornelius Shepard	12	Hebron	June 1813
William French	13	Southbury	May 1815
Jesse Smith	14	Salisbury	May 1815
George Cowles	15	Farmington	May 1815
Elias Starr	16	Danbury	June 1814
Russel C. Abernethy	17	Torrington	May 1815
Arnold P. Humphreys	18	Canton	May 1815
Francis McClean	19	Vernon	May 1815
Freeman Tracy	20	Lisbon	June 1813
George W. Gordon	21	Plainfield	June 1814
Elijah Smith	22	Tolland	Octo^r 1813
Daniel White	23	Chatham	May 1815

Joshua Bulkley	24	Colchester	May 1815
Nathaniel Heydon	25	Hartland	May 1815
Lemuel Porter	26	Waterbury	Octo^{r} 1815
Benjamin Baldwin	27	Guilford	June 1814
Daniel Burritt	28	Trumbull	June 1814
Philo Mills	29	Kent	May 1815
William Randall	30	Stonington	Octo^{r} 1811
Amariah Kibbee	31	Somers	May 1812
William Fenn	32	Milford	Novr 1814
Asa Comstock Junr	33	Lyme	May 1812
William Belden	34	no return	
George King	35	Sharon	June 1814

[Endorsed] Abstract of Returns of Infantry under the Genl order of the 26th Decr 1815 —

STRENGTH OF DIVISIONS

[8:149]

Strength of Divisions, Brigades Regiments as collected from the returns under General Orders of 26th December 1815. Omitted in this publication.

GENERAL ORDERS

[8:150]

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GENERAL ORDERS

[8:151]

State of Connecticut — —

26. Decr 1815

General orders —

A report has been submitted to the Captain General from the board of General officers assembled at Farmington on the 19th instant for the purpose of considering the most advisable mode of forming the divisions and brigades of Infantry pursuant to the late Act of the General Assembly — Although a final decision upon the report must be deferred until further

measures are adopted, the Captain General feels it nevertheless due to the gentlemen of the board to express his particular approbation of the readiness & punctuality with which they entered upon the duty assigned to them, and his high satisfaction at the perfect harmony and unanimity which have marked their proceedings — Such an example of correct and honourable conduct cannot fail to be productive of the happiest effects. — The Captain General is fully persuaded that in the arrangements still to be made the same commendable spirit will be displayed by the great body of his fellow-citizens composing the militia, and that supported and encouraged by their countenance & cooperation he shall be enabled to execute the provisions of the act in a manner satisfactory to them as well as advantageous to the state.

To carry the views of the Legislature into effect the following returns are required — towit —

I. A complete roll from the Commanding officer of each located company of infantry, of all the persons within his beat who are liable by law to perform military duty; designating the rank of the officers, the dates of their commissions & the day from which they take rank; also the town and parish in which the officers, non commissioned officers, musicians & privates respectively reside; noting likewise what number of individuals within the same limits belong to any enlisted company whether of Governour's Guards, grenadiers, Light Infantry, artillery, cavalry, or state troops, agreeably to the form hereunto subjoined — which return is to be delivered to the commanding officer of the regiment & by him forwarded to the Brigadier General, who will transmit the same to the Adjutant General by mail carefully enclosed and endorsed *Military returns* & signed with his name & office —

2. The Commanding officers of the regiments of Infantry in each brigade will make a return to the Brigadier General (to be by him transmitted in like manner) of the field officers, their names, rank, date of their commissions & places of residence; likewise the names and places of abode of their commissioned and non-commissioned staff. Also where either Artillery com-

panies, or *enlisted* flank companies have been attached to their regiments they are requested to specify the date of the formation of such companies as far as the same can be ascertained — —

The returns above mentioned must reach the office of the Adjutant General by the 8th day of February next, and sooner if practicable — —

Such companies of Infantry, of Cavalry or of the late State-troops as are desirous of being formed either into Riflemen or Horse Artillery (the corps of Light artillery having already its complement of companies) are requested to communicate their intentions at as early a day as may be convenient by presenting an application for that purpose, addressed to the Commander in chief & subscribed by the officers & men —

By order of the Captain General

E. H. Adjt Genl —

[Endorsed] General Order 28. Decr 1815

JOHN BUTLER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[8:152]

Durham Decr 26th 1815

Sir

Your Letter of the 8 instant is Receved wich informed us that the Light Artillery are all taking up, but we have Agread to Accept of A Rifle Company, if you see fit to accept us as Such I Cant say that all that we have now inlisted will accept of it for thay[sic] are Some pedlers & they are not at home but we have now about 60 & I Expe[c]t About 45 or 50 of our presant Company will accept & I think there will not be aney[sic] dout but that we Can get A full Company in A short time & we further wish you to inform us what length of time we can have to Equipt our Selves I Am with Respect your

Most Obediant Servent

John Butler

Capt of 6 Company

of State Troops

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Sharon Connecticut Durham Dec 28th

[Endorsed] Capt. J. Butler — 28. Decr 1815 Rec^{d} & answ^{d} 30th de Rifle corps —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN BUTLER

[8:153]

SHARON 30. Decr 1815

Sir

I have just received your letter of the 28th instant — — and it is with real pleasure I learn that the late 7th comp. state troops are disposed to join the Rifle corps — To carry their views into effect it will be necessary for them to present an application for that purpose in form, addressed to the Captain General and Subscribed by the officers and men — The officers will retain their command unless excused or discharged In the latter case orders will be issued for the company to be led to a choice of others to fill vacancies — They will be allowed in the first instance to recruit from the militia at larg, excepting enlisted companies it being desirable to fill all the select corps if possible before we proceed to organize anew the companies & regiments of infantry — — —

The company may propose a time within which it will be convenient for them to equip—and if not unreasonably distant I shall be heartily disposed to gratify them — They will be allowed to wear their present uniform as mentioned in my last —

I am Sir your ob^{t} se^{r}

Capt. BUTLER —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[9:1]

SHARON 4. Jany 1816 —

Dr Sir

I am satisfied upon reflection that it is expedient to consult the Colonels of cavalry relative to the arrangements for that corps & the Horse Artillery. It is particularly desirable to interest their feelings in favour of the latter — I have accordingly pre-

pared the foregoing order with which you will be pleased to do the needful — The new Register will give the names of the present Colonels of Cavalry — In the 4th division I perceive there are two of recent appointment — towit — for the 6th regiment Abram Burt of Canaan North society — and for the 8th regiment Daniel B. Brinsmade of Washington. As both these gentlemen tho' in post towns live at some distance from the post road would it not be well to endorse a request that the post master would take pains to forward the letter — If you are in doubt as to the places of residence of any of the other gentlemen perhaps it will be safest to enclose in such cases to the Brigadier — —

You will of course be at Hartford when these officers convene and it is my present intention to meet you there by the time the gentlemen shall have agreed on a report, say the 15th Feby I propose to be at Litchfield on the 14th — Should any thing extraordinary prevent my going I shall hope for the pleasure of seeing you at my house —

The Secretary has not yet forwarded blank commissions for the Judge Advocates as I expected — As soon as they are received I shall send you a Genl order announcing the appointments —

By this time I trust the Genl order of the 26th ulto is in circulation — You will not forget to send me a printed copy — —

In haste I am Dr Sir sincerely yours J. C. S —

N. B. Applications begin to come in from the cavalry for admission into the Horse Artillery — I shall postpone a decision upon them until after the above meeting of the Colonels —

Adjt Genl
HUNTINGTON —

[Endorsed] To Genl Huntington 4. Jany 1816 — Genl order

CIRCULAR

[on back of leaf 9:1]

To Commandant of

Sir

By the late "act for forming and conducting the Military

force of this State" a Brigade of cavalry is to be organized consisting at most of five regiments; consequently a reduction of the present number of regiments seems indispensable — By the same act also provision is made for the formation of two regiments of Horse Artillery and authority is given to the Commander in chief to accept such companies or portions of cavalry as may be disposed to enter that corps. — To reduce the cavalry in a manner most agreeable to that respectable body of men and also to fill the ranks of the Horse Artillery by a method the best calculated to increase the effective force of the State are Subjects which merit our attentive consideration — It is on these points particularly that the Captain General is desirous of obtaining the opinion of the Lieutenant Colonels commandants of the respective regiments of Cavalry — Accordingly, I have it in charge from His Excellency to request your attendance with the other commandants at Ripley's Inn in Hartford on the 14th day of February next at 1:o'clock P.M. — The officers when thus assembled will confer together upon the subjects above mentioned & report their opinion thereon to the Captain General at as early a day thereafter as may be convenient —

You will perceive Sir the importance of a ready & punctual compliance with this request —

By order of the Capt Gen[l]

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO AMAZIAH BRAY

[9:2]

SHARON 6, Jan[y] 1816

Sir

I wrote you on the 16th Nov[r] last — but having received no further intelligence from you or your associates I am in doubt whether it is still your desire to be formed into a company of Light Artillery — If such is your intention be pleased to let me be informed of it without delay — an order has been prepared, and if you are organized should bear its date for the purpose of giving you your just precedence — The applications for Light Artillery companies have been numerous beyond my power to

grant — But I have reserved room for your early application if you are disposed to pursue it — —

I am Sir with much regard
Your ob^{t} Ser^{t} —

[Endorsed] To Capt. Bray 6. Jany 1816 —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:3]

NORWICH 10th January 1816

Dear sir

I avail myself of the blank half sheet, on the few copies of the General Order of the 26 Ult^{o} printed for the General Officers to acknowledge your excellencys favour of the 4th of this month & to comply with your request for a copy — — —

The order was printed & put into the Post Office on the 3^{d} instant for the Brigadiers with a printed copy for each Commandant of a regiment, and one for each company of Infantry, Grenadiers, Light Infantry Cavalry and State Troops, which I presume have reached their destination — — — I also inclosed a copy to each Major General to Colonel Shepherd, Col^{o} Sanford Lt Col' Whittlesey & Major Copeland

On my return from Sharon I called on Captain Buell at Marlborough on the subject of having his company associate for a Rifle Corps & am persuaded it will be effected — — — — I also called on Col^{o} Deming respecting reducing the Cavalry &C — — he informed me he had written very fully to your excellency on the subject of reducing the Cavalry in reply to your letter to him — — —

I shall calculate to be at Hartford at [the] time mentioned by your excellency, say the 14th Feb^{y} & if do not find your excellency at Hartford I shall proceed to Sharon with the result of the opinion of the Colonels of Cavalry when obtained — — —

With my respects to Mrs Smith
I subscribe very respectfully yours
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon C Land^{g} Jany 17
[Endorsed] Adj^{t} General — 17. Jany 1816 wrote him 27th Sent Genl order de Judge Advocates — Capt. Bull
Col. King

ELISHA COLT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:4]

Controllers Office February 10th 1816

His Excellency Governor Smith

Sir

I had the honour of receiving your Excellency's Letter of the 31st ult^{o} on the 7th Ins^{t} by Mr Perkins the news carrier — and I wish it was in my power to answer it more to your satisfaction than I am able to do — — —

The claims of this State against the United States have not been made out — and of course not transmitted to Washington — — — —

All expences incurred by this State in consequence of the War I have placed to the debit of the United States, whether specially authorized by the General Goverment or not — — the greater part of our expenditures are included in the Accounts of the Pay Mas^{r} Genl — Quarter Mas^{r} Genl & Commissary Genl — — — — — The Pay Master General has not setled any account since the 20th May 1815 (reported to the General Assembly last October) but has at different times since transmitted a number of Pay Rolls, some of them not footed, some not even computed as to the amo^{t} of pay to the individuals — and without an Abstract of the Amount — they have as yet been but partially examined, but will amount to about Seventeen hundred Sixty dollars — — — —

I trust the greater part of the payrolls are now in, and he is probably waiting the opportunity of some other business to Hartford to settle his Accounts — — — — —

In Maj^{r} Goddards setled accounts the payrolls exhibited for the service of the Troops in 1813. is computed at two dollars per

month (*being the extra pay allowed by the State*) — In the payrolls for service in 1814 the full pay of ten dollars is made up — In both cases I have charged the whole to the United States — I understood by Mr Goddard that he was directed by your Excellency to take seperate Setts of payrolls — — one for the amount of pay allowed by the United States, and the other for the State allowance — but as the District pay Master was not in funds, or would not pay — he made out one sett of the payrolls at the rate of ten dollars per month, and they have been setled in that form in this office — the other sett he has retained in his own hands by your instructions, to be delivered the District pay Master, who was the expected would be able to discharge them in two or three months and when obtained he was to pay the amount to the Treasurer of the State.

Colo Mix's accounts as Quarter Master General have been setled — but since the appointment of Colo Scarborough no account has been exhibited in a form to be setled untill within fifteen days — — he is not now confident that all the claims upon him have been made — — these accounts will be examined as soon as I am able to attend at the office (*I have been confined nearly four weeks to my House*)

The Commissary Generals accounts are all closed, with the exception of some small claims referred to a Committee by the General Assembly — — A part of Colo Wards accounts was for supplies furnished the Troops while under the Command of the officers of the State — and will probably be disallowed by the Accounting Offices of the Treasury at Washington — No seperate Account was kept by him for issues to the Troops while under the command of State officers.

When Colo Scarboroughs Accounts are setled, it does not appear to me that the whole of the just claim of this State upon the United States, can be assertained, as a very considerable quantity of Ammunition besides arms &c expended and wasted in the course of the war ought to be charged over — — And the quantity of munitions of war on hand before the purchases made within ten or fifteen years by the State — I have not the means at present of assertaining.

I was last fall aware, that loss of *Interest* at least, would be sustained by the State from the accounts remaining so long unsetled — even provided the District pay Master should pay for the service of the Troops, but saw no way then to remedy the evil — — And I expected that the General Assembly would in October have taken some order on the subject if they had contemplated having our Accounts transmitted to Washington during the winter.

The Resolve of Assembly directing me to charge all expences incurred by the State in consequence of the war to the United States would not allow me to omit any of them in making our claim — and as the unauthorized charges would not have been allowed — I do not see how the State would at this time have been benefitted had our [ac]counts been transmitted to Washington — —

I have written Maj^r Perkins District paymaster agreable to your direction. — As soon as I have his answer will loose no time in forwarding it to your Excellency — together with a statement of our account with the United States — as the same stands on the Books of the Office

I am with great Respect

Your Excellencys most Obedient Servt

ELISHA COLT

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH now in Hartford

[Endorsed] Letter from ye Comptroller relative to demands against the U. States — Rec^d 16. Feby 1816

AMAZIAH BRAY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:5]

KILLINGWORTH Jan. 13th 1816

His Excellency
J C Smith

Sir — Your communication of the 6th Inst. was receiv^d by last mail — I regret extremely that there has been so much delay in answering your letter of the 18th of Nov. but it seemes to have been unavoidable — Immediately after receiving

that communication — I called a meeting of the Members of the former Artillery Company — & directed them to take measures to obtain the required number of men — without delay — — The 4 suceeding weeks, I was unavoidably absent attending our Sup Court. In this County. Since that time untill last week I have been confine[d] to my House by Ill health, not able to attend to any thing.

The enlisting has progressed very slow — partly perhaps for the want of Attention — but more from a stronge *Democratic opposition.* a class of beings very numerous in these parts — whose only creed is that the military save in this vacinity shall be exclusively commanded by Democratic Officers — — our Enrollment at present contains about 34 — It is a season of the year when there is less ambition about military afairs — — the business will be attended to without any further delay — & completed the present we[e]k — — the members of the former Company are very anxious on the subject & have requested me to delay the returns one week more. & are confident of success — I have however considered It my duty in the mean time to suffer no further Delay in giving your Excellency full Information on the Subject — — — our returns — [cont]aining the application & enrolment [ ] be forwarded to your Excellency, a[s] soon as the first of next week — — — — I hope your Excellency will pardon the delay

I am very respectfully
Your Excellency,s
Obt. Serv[t]
A Bray

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C Smith Governor of the St. of Connecticut Sharon Killingworth Jan[y] 15th
[Endorsed] Capt. Bray — Rec[d] 26. Jan[y] 1816

WILLIAM BULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:6]

Saybrook January 15th 1816

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Cap,t General

Dear Sir I have received a General printed Order Dated December 26th 1815 from Adgt General Huntington in which it is stated that, "Such companies of Infantry, of Cavalry or of the late State Troops as are desirous of being formed either into Riflemen or Horse Artillery (the corps of Light Artillery haveing already its com[ple]ment of companies) are requested to communicate thier intentions at as early a day as may be convenient, by presenting an application for that purpose, addressed to the Commander in Chief and subscribed by the officers & men."

To which printed order is Subjoined in writing the following remark (viz "If your Company doth not associate and form a Corps of Riflemen or Horse Artillery agreably to the provisions of the law; you will please forward a compleete roll of the names of all the persons belonging to the Company with the dates of the officers Commissions & the Town & Parish in which they and each person in the Company reside". On perusing this order I was unable to satisfy myself of the precise meaning or Intention of it as relative, to the Company which I have the honor to Command.

I had supposed that it was a primary object with the Executive to retain and organize as large a portion of the Light Artillery near the sea board as practicable. And that as my company have had a very considerable experience in the use of ordinance, and that we should be organized as Artillery under the law of October last as a matter of Course; without any new-or formal Application of the whole Company, and a very sore disapointment it would be to it, to be deranged or transferred to any other Corps. Ever since this Company has ben Organized as Millitia I could at any time have filled it with Excelent men, but Liut Col Brainard who Comands the Regiment to which we are Attached has hither to neglected to give me any Order.

My Company is not quite full, but if your Excellency should think it expedient to send me an order for that purpose I Could fill it immediately.

Any information from your Excellency will be thankfully received by

Your Obedient & Humble Servant
WILLIAM BULL Capt
of Compy Artillery 7 Regt
Connecticut Militia

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esq Capt. General of the State of Connecticut Sharon Killingworth Jany 18th

[Endorsed] Capt. Wm Bull — 18. Jany 1816 recd 23d — answd 24th wrote Ad. Genl 27th

APPLICANTS FOR THE FORMATION OF A RIFLE CORPS

[9:7]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Captain General & Commander in Chief of the Militia of Connecticut — — May it please your Excellency

We the Undersigned, Officers Non-commissioned Officers and Soldiers of the fourth company, in the twenty eighth Regiment of Infantry, residents in the parish of Ripton, Town of Huntington, beg leave respectfully to offer to your Excellency this our application, for authority to form ourselves into a Corps of Riflemen, agreeably to the provisions of the Act lately passed by the Legislature of this State for the new-modelling the Militia thereof — — —

With the highest respect, we have the honour to be Sir Your Excellency's

HUNTINGTON 16 Jany 1816

Most obedient &
Very Humble Servants — — — —

David Hawley Jr Cap.	Joel Wooster Do
William R Edwards Ensign	Lockwood Sheldon Do
Saml Thompson 1 Serg	Isaac B Blackman private
Roswell Hyde 2nd Serg	John B Pooll
Saml Bradley Jr Do	Abram M Wheeler
Ebeneser Merritt Jr Do	Warner Hubbell
Charles Beardslee Corp	Morris Hull
Nichols Wheeler Corp	Wakeman Burritt

Georg Atwell
Laurins Hyde
Prosper Lewis
Jeremiah Hubbell
Presto B Warner
Isaac Allis
Elijah Hubbell Jr
Joseph S Reymond
Charles Wheeler
Ezra Mills
Gideon Thompson
Wm Atwell
Lemll Beardslee
Garvy Verry
Othe Clarke
Curtiss Hubbell
Christopher N Shelton
Joseph L Wooster
Marvin Munson
Horris Shelton
Wm J French
Lucius Downs
Daniel Blackman
Edward B Summers
Joseph A Joice
Lewis Hubbell
Curtiss L Blackman
John Knap
Stephen Burritt
Harry Mallory

Huntington	67
do	49
29 Cavalry 11 State troops 4 artillery	44
	160

Redding Trumbull
Huntington & Weston
81 militia
23 inlisted

[Endorsed] Application of militia Company Ripton to be made Riflemen — Recd 24th Jany 1816 answer intra —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM BULL

[9:8]

Sharon 24. Jany 1816

Sir —

I have received your letter, and cannot but express my regret at the mistake into which the Adjutant General has fallen — The order for the formation of the company under your command

did not pass through his hands, and it is probable he has never been apprized of the fact from any other source —

Nothing could be farther from my desire or intention than to change the character or destination of your company — on the contrary I consider it a most valuable addition to the corps of Light Artillery —

As it is highly desirable to fill the ranks of the select corps, if possible, before the reorganization of the Infantry takes place, I allow them to recruit from the militia generally, *enlisted companies of every description always excepted.* This indulgence is to cease when the new arrangement is effective; after which such instructions will doubtless be issued relative to enlistments into any of the select corps, as the general interests of the militia may be found then to require —

I am Sir with sincere regard your very
ob^{t} ser^{t} J. C. S — —

Capt. W. Bull —

NATHAN STARR JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:9]

Middletown Jany 25th 1816

Sir

At the request of the petitioners I forward you the enclos'd petition. the commander of the company of militia Capt Josiah Wetmore informs me that their statement as to the number of men is correct, as will be found by a return which he is about making out and that he has long since advised them to petition your excellency on the subject

I am Sir with great respect
Your Ob^{t} Hum. S^{t}
Nathan Starr, Jr

[Superscribed] His Excellency John Cotton Smith Sharon
[Endorsed] Association for Riflemen in Staddle-hill district Middletown — — Re^{d} 29th Jany 1816 answ. 30th not accepted —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID HAWLEY, JR.

[9:10]

SHARON 27. Jany 1816 —

Sir —

I have received the application of yourself & associates to be formed into a company of Riflemen. It will afford me sincere pleasure to comply with your wishes provided the general interest of the militia will justify the measure — After the returns required by the General order of the 26th December last shall have been received, I shall be better able to decide this question. If it is found consistent to establish a Rifle company in your parish I will make no delay in issuing instructions to that effect — In the mean time as your present number does not constitute a full company, you will be pleased to inform me whether there is a rational prospect of filling the ranks in your vicinity — —

I am Sir your ob^t & hum Ser^t

J. C. S — —

Capt. DAVID HAWLEY Junr —

GENERAL ORDERS

[9:11]

State of Connecticut

General Orders — —

January 2. 1816

Pursuant to the "Act for forming and conducting the military force of this state" passed at the last session of the Legislature, the Commander in Chief has been pleased to appoint the following gentlemen Judge-Advocates within and for their respective counties, towit,

Walter Mitchell Esquire for the county of Hartford —
Leonard E. Wales Esq. for the county of New Haven,
Henry Strong Esqr for the county of New London,
Clark Bissel Esqr for the county of Fairfield,
Joseph Eaton Esqr — for the county of Windham,
Jabez W. Huntington Esqr for the county of Litchfield,

Jonathan Barns Junr Esqr for the county of Middlesex, Elisha Stearns Esqr for the county of Tolland; and they are to be respected accordingly — —

By order of the Commander in Chief,

[Endorsed] General Orders — 2. Jany 1816 — Announcing the appointment of Judge Advocates — Sent to the Ad. Genl 27. Jany 1816 — Commission signed 2. Jany 1816 & sent to the secretary several days thereafter, no conveyance offering sooner — —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO NATHAN STARR, JR.

[9:12]

SHARON 30. Jany 1816

Sir —

The request of yourself and Associates to be formed into a company of Riflemen has been duly received — I am much pleased with the proposal and shall readily accede it, provided the general interests of the militia shall be found to warrant the measure — The Adjutant General is directed to meet me on the 15th of next month with the returns required by the General order of the 26th December last — I hope it will then be in my power to decide satisfactorily upon your application; and if so, the necessary orders for your organization will be immediately issued —

I am respectfully Sir your
obedient servant
J. C. S —

Mr NATHAN STARR JUNIOR —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[9:13]

SHARON 31. Jany 1816 —

Dr Sir

Are our accounts with the United States closed? — and have they been transmitted to the proper department at Washington?

— These questions are asked in a letter I have just received from one of our Senators in Congress & I will thank you to put it in my power to answer them — —

A very considerable part of our demand is subject to no dispute — All the advances made in the campaign of 1813 are of this description as they were in entire conformity with the express authorization of the Gen[l] Government — The same may be said of the expenditures of 1814 until about the 10th September at which time troops were brought into the field on the authority of the state government and the command of those at N. London (called out however on the requisition of Gen[l] Cushing) was confined to a Major General of militia —

I perceive the Pay Master General of the U. S. has sent instructions to the district paymasters to resume the payment of the militia whose services have been *authorized* — All our unsatisfied pay-rolls up to the time I have mentioned (and indeed of all the guards on the coast placed there under an arrangement with Col. Kingsbury to the end of that year) will be comprehended within these instructions — They will especially include the pay of the whole of Gen[l] Isham's brigade (amounting to 15 or 16000 doll.) who were in service during the affair at Stonington — they having been called there at the request of Gen[l] Cushing & were subsisted mustered & discharged by him

If M[r] G. L. Perkins the district paymaster is in funds I have no doubt these sums will be immediately repaid us — And the object is surely of no small moment to the State — My desire is Sir that you will address a letter to M[r] Perkins upon this subject — If that officer consents to the payment we shall gain at least the interest which would accrue upon these sums & which the U. S. never pay during the long period which generally elapses before their accounts are adjusted — If the pay rolls have been transmitted to Washington they may be easily recalled provided they can be satisfied here —

Be pleased to favour me with a reply & believe

me respectfully Sir your o[b] se[t] —

E. Colt Esq[r]

[Endorsed] To E. Colt Esq. Comptroller 31. Jan[y] 1816 —

FRANCIS A. PERKINS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:14]

(SHARON)

To

His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir,

By request of my Brother Major Geo L Perkins, District pay Master, who is confined by indisposition; I take the liberty of addressing your Excellency on the subject of the militia, which have been in the service of the United States, during the late War, & which remain unpaid. —

Having received directions from the Pay master General under date of the 6 Jany 1816, to adjust all outstanding claims for services rendered prior to the 1 Jany 1816, in the States of Rhode Island & Connecticut: He wants a statement of the amount of the claim which the State of Connecticut has against the United States for "services rendered in virtue of, or under the immediate orders of, the Government of the United States; or, 2^d That, being called into actual service by" your excellency "the service shall have been duly recognised on the part of the United States and payment for them sanctioned accordingly": And, the Pay master general requiring estimates of the amount of all claims, preparatory to forwarding funds for their liquidation; my Brother requests your Excellency will be pleased to direct the proper estimates to be forwarded to him as soon as practicable. His long indisposition has prevented our earlier application to you on this subject: but, he expects to be sufficiently recovered to attend to it himself in a short time.

He requests me to assure your Excellency of his distinguished respect,

I am, with great Respect
Your Excellencys
M^o Ob^t & M^o Hb^le Ser^t
FRA^S A PERKINS

NORWICH
1 Feby 1816

[Endorsed] Major G. L. Perkins — Dis. P. Master U. S. 1. Feby 1816 — answ. 8th de pay of militia —

ORCHARD GOULD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:15]

BRANFORD Feb 13 1816

Dear Sir.

Rebekah Noah and Hannah H. Frisbie named in the inclosed certificate, the heirs of their brother William Frisbie late of Edenton (N. C) deceased wishing to receive the estate which the deceased has left there, have by the advice of their attorney there requested of me the inclosed certificate to enable them to do it — the attorney also wishes "to have annexed to these certificates one from the governor under his Executive seal declaring that the clerk who signs the certificate of births is a duly authorised officer for that purpose and that full faith and credit ought to be given to his attestations as such"

At the request of these heirs and in their behalf I desire you to annex the desired certificate and have the same transmitted by mail to Noah Frisbie at Branford with the amount of fees & it will be remitted. — — I do not know what proof is customary and necessary for you to secure in transactions, of this kind — I think Green's register makes me clerk of Branford — if more proof is requisite these applicants will esteem it very kind in you [to] notify them by mail as above.

With sincere respect I am Sir
Your Excellency's obed^{t} Servt
ORCHARD GOULD

His Excellency Govr SMITH —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Sharon Branford Feb 16

[Endorsed] Orchard Gould Esqr rec^{d} 21. Feby 1816 forward the certificates 22nd —

[on inside page]

State of Connecticut

I John Cotton Smith Governour of the State of Connecticut

do hereby make known that by a law of said state it is made the duty of Town clerks to record all marriages births and deaths within their respective towns — I also certify that Orchard Gould Esquire whose signature is subjoined to the foregoing documents is the town clerk of the town of Branford (in the county of New Haven & State aforesaid and that full faith and credit are & ought to be had & given to his certificate & attention as such —

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my Seal the twenty

RICHARD HUBBARD TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:16]

Sir I Consider it as my Deuty at this time when the Militia is about to Receve a new augunization to State to you that in Conciquance of an unavoidable misfortune I am Verry much reduced and imbarrased in my pecuniary circumstances in So Much that ware I to Remain in the State it would Be utterly impossible for me to Support my Commission with enny Degree of Respectability But as I am Determined to leave the State it Becomes as I Conceive my Deuty to State to you this Determination and at the Same time Respectfully Request that my present unplesant Sittuation May Be Considered Sufficient to Exonerate me from Being attached to Enny Militia Company under the new Orgunization and if your Excellency Should think propper to give me a final Discharge it will Be thankfully Received

I am Sir your Excellenceys Veary Obledged
Humble Servant — — — — — — — — —

RICH^D HUBBARD Insign of the 2^d Company
10th Regiment Connecticut Millitia
DURHAM February 16th 1816

This may Certify that we the Subscribers are personally acquainted with Richard Hubbard and know Him to Be much embaresed in his pecunary

Circumstances Charles Robinson
Seth Seward
James Robinson P M
Sam[l] Robinson

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Ensign Rich. Hubbard requesting a discharge rec[d] 23. Feb[y] 1816 answ[d] in a letter to Capt. C. Robinson 24th See

CHARLES ROBINSON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:17]

DURHAM Feb[y] 16th 1816

Sir

As the Militia of this state is about to receive a new organizeation under Act of Assembly of May last I take the liberty to Adress you a few lines showing my claims to a discharge from my further Military service — — — 1st takeing it for granted that the two present Companies in this town will be consolidated so as to form but one under the new organizeation I shall state to your Excellency as my first claim to a Discharge that I am the oldest Captain within the limits of the two present Companies — — — And 2nd I claim a Discharge on account of ill health (this I consider as my principle claim) my health being so much Impaired that I believe I am not a subject of Military duty agreeably to the Laws of the State — my principle complaint arrises from a Rupter which is frequently Verry troubelsome in so much that were I to be ordered out on a touer of Duty I should not be able to indergo the hardships incident to a person in actual service — — —

Should any further evidence of my ill health be required I am at any time ready to produce good and sufficient evidence of the fact — — — It is with much confidence that I make this simple statement of facts to your Excellency fully believing that you feel Disposed to do Equal justice in exempting such as have the most consistant reasons from any further service in the Militia — — — — If however you should determine my claims

insufficient to entitle me to an immediate Discharge I presume they will at least be considered amply sufficient to exonerate me from being attached to any Military Company under the new organizeation — with Due Defference I submit the foregoing to the undoubted impartial decission of your excellency

With much respect I am
Your Excellencys verry
Ob^{t} Humble Servt
CHARLES ROBINSON
Capt 2nd Comp^{y}

His Excellency JOHN C SMITH
Govenor of the State of Connecticut
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Sharon Connecticut
[Endorsed] Capt. C. Robinson requesting a discharge 16. Feby 1816 rec^{d} 23^{d} ands^{d} 24. intra —
[in same letter]

SHARON 24. Feby 1816

Sir

Your letter of the 16th instant is received —
Altho' we are proceeding with the arrangements under the new militia act as fast as the nature of the case will admit, yet it is possible we may not be able to complete them entirely before the *trainings* in May next— I have accordingly considered it inexpedient to grant any discharges at present— The principal reason you assign for relinquishing your command is quite satisfactory and I feel little hesitation in saying you will be entitled to a discharge as soon as the reorganization can be effected —

I will thank you to communicate the substance of this letter as a reply to Mr Richard Hubbard the Ensign of your company, from whom I have received a similar application —

I am Sir respectfully
your ob^{t} & h^{m} Ser^{t}

Capt. CH. ROBINSON —

DAVID HAWLEY JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:18]

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's favour of the 27th of January. Agreably to the request therein contained I have to observe that since forwarding the petition for a new organization of the Militia Company under my command fifteen more of the members who were absent when the names to the petition were collected have expressed their desire to unite in it. These, together with seven or eight soldiers of the late State Corps who have requested permission to join the Rifle company should it be established, will make, in conjunction with the names already forwarded, the number of sixty eight (officers included) living within my present beat. And leaving within the same limits but about a dozen subjects of military duty who have not expressed their sentiments on the subject.

Under these circumstances I have no hesitation in believing that the Company might be filled almost immediately upon opening the enlistment.

It may not, perhaps, be superfluous to observe that this so general wish for the establishment of a Rifle Corps in this place arises from a firm conviction that under such an organization the force here will be rendered much more efficient for all the purposes of local defence. For in that species of predatory warfare, with which the extensive borders of the sound are most liable to be harrassed during a protracted contest wich a foreign enemy, the bayonet can rarely if at all be brought into action; while the efficiency of companies of Sharp Shooters is too great and too obvious in such circumstances to need a remark —

Accept Sir the renewed assurance of the high respect and esteem with which I have the honour to be,

Your Excellency's
Most Obedient & humble
Servant.

David Hawley Junr

HUNTINGTON 17 Feby 1816.
[Superscribed] His Excellency the Governour of Connecticut
[Endorsed] Capt. Hawley— 17. Feby 1816 — rec^{d} 22nd

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:19]

MIDDLETOWN Feby 17— 1816

Sir

The new organization of the Militia & establishment of independent Companies, being a subject of considerable interest here I am again requested to write to your Excellency thereon. I am informed that there is an application for a Second Rifle C^{o} in this Town — & that the Cavalry Company is also to be retained. I presume your Excellency will not deem it expedient to grant another Company of Riflemen, untill the one now existing is filled up, which cannot be done at present, partly because another Company is by some expected & partly because several of those who signed the application for the first Company, cannot be admitted under the present Laws. I think also that the location of the contemplated Rifle C^{o}, is not such as it should be, provided a second should be granted & I am sure your Excellency will agree with me that one good Company is to be preferred to Two Poor ones. I am persuaded also that the Horse artillery will also receive as much of y^{r} Excellencys Patronage as is consistent with Propriety. There is in this town, Nine Comp^{s} of Militia — To Wit — 1 Lt Infantry — 5 Bat^{n} Infantry — 1 Cavalry — 1 Horse Artillery — & One Rifle — Six & perhaps seven respectable Comp^{s} may be raised here — It is presumed, that at least one Bat^{n} Inf^{y} C^{o} will be reduced — & I suggest to y^{r} Excellency the propriety of reducing the Comp^{y} of Cavalry — my reasons for this suggestion are — 1 The difficulty of filling a Company of Horse Artillery except from reduced Cavalry — 2 a considerable portion of the Comp^{y} would immediately join the Horse Artillery— 3 If it is not reduced, it will prevent the Horse Artillery from being filled up, as those who choose to do duty on Horseback, would prefer

the Cavalry as being less laboruious & also requiring less discipline & attention — 4 It will be expensive going from the Infantry to the Horse artillery, but no expence in going from the Cavalry. The sooner the Cavalry are reduced to its lowest number of Regts, the sooner will the other Corps be filled & organized. These are some of the considation which appear to me worthy the attention of y^r Excellency — & as union I ought perhaps further to state the probability of the Two Companies uniting, if it is understood that the Cavalry will other-wise be reduced to the Infantry.

I Barnes J^r Esqr has since he was appointed Judge Advocate, been chosen Lieutenant of the Rifle Company — He wishes to know whether he can hold both offices —

I am with great respect
yr Excell^ys Obed^t Ser^t
CH^Y WHITTELSEY

yr Exc^y I hope will excuse my hand writing as I have at present no use of my thumb — — —
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford
[Endorsed] Col. Ch^y Whittelsey 17. Feby 1816 — answ^d 27th (intra-)

DOCUMENTS

[9:20-9:30]

Pay Abstracts. Omitted in this publication.

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE L. PERKINS

[9:31]

HARTFORD 20. Feby 1816

Sir —

From an estimate prepared by the Comptroller it appears, that the arrears of pay due the Militia of this State in service during the late war, amount to the Sum of $75,615.72 exclusive of the extra Allowance made by the Legislature to the non

commissioned officers & privates. Of this Amount the Sum of $37751.44 may require the further examination of the National Executive, altho' I trust the Secretary of war from a candid review of facts will be satisfied that the expenditure was strictly conformable to the instructions of the President. The residue amounting to $37864.28, it is believed, can be liable to no objection whatever on the part of the General government.

When you are prepared to adjust the demand, you will be so good, Sir, as to communicate to the Comptroller or to myself the evidence required to establish it —

I am respectfully Sir
your ob^t & very hum. servant
J. C. Smith

Major G. L. Perkins — Paymaster U. S. &^c &^c

[Endorsed] To Major Perkins — U. S. Paymaster &^c 20. Feby 1816 — Copy —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN BUTLER

[9:32]

Hartford 20. Feby 1816 —

Sir —

The application subscribed by yourself and others to be formed into a company of Riflemen agreeably to the Statute, is received and approved, reserving however the right of deciding hereafter whether the list contains any Subscribers who could not legally become members of the association — Should a question arise on that subject —

I could wish to be informed whether the officers of the late Sixth comp. 2 reg^t of State troops who have Signed the application claim the right of retaining their command of the present company — or whether it is their desire that the associates should be led to a new choice. As soon as I learn their views I shall be prepared to issue such instructions as the circumstances of the case may require — They will be disposed I make no doubt to pursue such a course as will be productive of perfect harmony in the company.

I propose returning to Sharon this day — of course you will direct to me at that place —

I am Sir your ob^{t} & hm. ser^{t}
J. C. Smith

Capt. Butler
[Endorsed] To Capt. J. Butler 20. Feby 1816

GENERAL ORDERS

[9:33]

Hartford 20. Feby 1816

The Board of General officers convened by a General order at Farmington in December last reported to the Commander in chief as their opinion that the following towns (with the exception of the town of Enfield) should comprize one Brigade of Infantry pursuant to the "Act for forming and conducting the military force of this state towit — Windham, Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Columbia, Hampton, Killingly, Mansfield, Plainfield, Pomfret, Sterling, Thompson, Woodstock, Tolland Bolton, Coventry, Ellington, Somers, Stafford, Vernon, Union, and Willington — which report is under consideration. In the meantime the Commander in Chief is desirous of obtaining the advice and opinion of the Brigadier General and the Acting Lieutenant Colonel Commandants of Infantry within those limits, relative to the most expedient method of forming the Infantry therein into four regiments, the number required by the Act. The officers just mentioned will accordingly meet at Clark's inn in Ashford on the 6th day of March next at 1'o'clock in the afternoon; and when thus assembled will constitute a board, at which Brigadier General Salter will preside. They will confer together upon the Subject above referred to them, and report their opinion thereon at as early a day thereafter as may be convenient.

The Adjutant General is instructed to be present, and to furnish the board with such documents in his hands as may assist them in forming their result —

By Order of the Com^{r} in chief
[Endorsed] General orders for 5. Brigade — 20. Feby 1816 —

OLIVER BURR TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:34]

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith Esquire

As by a late Act of the General assembly the Captain General is authorized to grant discharges to commissioned Officers, I am induced by considerations which I hope your Excellency will deem sufficient, earnestly to solicit your Excellency to accept of the return of my commission & to grant me a discharge from military duty.

These considerations are 1st That I have holden a Commission for five Years the 9th day of may next, the two first years as an Ensign, & the three last as Lieutenant,

2nd That I have a young & growing family, am destitute of property, & have no other means of supporting them than the profits of a business which is small, and which has not hitherto been sufficient for that purpose: I have in consequence been obliged to incur debts for the payment of which I have nothing to look to but my future earings: that under these circumstances the annual expences, which a miliatary officer cannot avoid either with honor or justice, are heavier than I can Sustain either with a proper regard to the comfort of my family or to the claims of my creditors.

3d But there is an additional reason which I am pursuaded Your Excellency will properly appreciate, as its weight presses directly & powerfully on those feelings without which a military officer would be unfit for his station. I have been given to understand by persons entitled to credit, who were present at the meeting, that the company over which I am placed, have by a considerable majority voted to supersede me at the next election of officers by choosing one of my Subalterns to command the company, With the causes of their dissatisfaction, it is unnecessary to trouble Your Excellency, I will barely remark that they are not as I think, such as to reflect disgrace on me, I cannot doubt the fact of such vote having been taken; nor can I avoid feeling a strong solicitude to escape the mortification, I cannot hesitate to beleive that your Exelency will give to these reasons, all the attention to which they are entitled,

and if in the opinion of Your Excellency, they should be sufficient to justify the exercise of the power vested in the the Captain General by the late Law, I pray your Excellency to grant me a discharge from further military duty —

With every respectful sentiment
I am,
Your Excellency most Obed^{t}
and humble Servt
OLIVER BURR

DANBURY Feby 23^{d}, 1816

We, whose names are hereto subscribed, are acquainted with Oliver Burr, the person above named; he is a respectable young man, a mechanic, industrious, but destitute of property; he has a young, tho' not a large family: of the other facts stated in the foregoing Memorial, we have no knowledge, but believe any statement which Mr Burr may make may be confided in, so far as his veracity is concerned — — —

DANBURY Feby 24th 1816

MATHEW B WHITTLESEY
ALANSON HAMLIN

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon Conn^{t} Danbury C^{t} Feby. 26

[Endorsed] Oliver Burr — 23. Feby 1816 answ^{d} 1. March —

JOHN BUTLER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:35]

DURHAM Feb^{ry} 24th 1816

Sir/ — — —

Your Letter of the 24th Ins^{t}, is Received in which I am very happy to learn that your Excellency has approved of our request of being formed into a Rifle Company; Amongst the Associates that Petitioned your Excellency there were a number that formerly belonged to the Militia and are now very Anxious to become members of the Rifle Company: however I do not wish to Associate with us any person that could not Legally be enrol^{d} when the Associates become Organized in a Rifle Company-any Information on that subject would be grate-

fully Received and punctually adhered to — — — It was the understanding & wishes of the Associates that the Officers of the late 6th Company 2d Regt of State Troops Should retain their respective Offices in the contemplated Rifle Company with the exception of the first Lieut who is remov^d to the West Indies, I would at this time renew my request to be bleased[released?] from Military Duty submiting of it to your Excellency whither Previous or after the formation of the Rifle Company

JOHN BUTLER
Capt of 6 Company
of State Troops

N. B I Dont see aney way that we are to get the Company full if we cant Enlist from the Militia I Expect the Officers of the Militia have not returned of Maney men they might as I have been Informed they have not returned but About 30 men in both Companyes if that is the Case they have not returned all they Might

[Superscribed] his Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Sharon Cont Durham Feby 27th

[Endorsed] Capt. J. Butler — 24. Feby 1816 — answd 26. March see

JESSE C. HULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:36]

DURHAM Feby 27th 1816

sir

I have heretofore deemed it unnecessary to address your Excellency on the subject of my situation in the Militia presuming that you were acquainted with the ungenerous treatment I have received from a majority of the Officers and Men composeing the Company to which I now belong — — — I have been silent because I felt no doubt but I should be left out under the new organizeation and finally discharged from any further service — — I Should have continued my silence were it not that under the presumption that the two present Companies in Durham will be consolidated so as to form but one under the new organizeation other officers belonging to each of the said

Companies have as I understand presented to your Excellency their claims to a Discharge — These Sir are the reasons which have induced me to trouble you with this communication I shall therefore briefly state my claims to a discharge which in my opinion are far better than those of any other officer in either of the two Companies — — — — —

In the first place I have been twice superceded and that too without any cause except it be of a Political nature. the first time Mr Stephens who was chosen a Lieu^{t} over my head got no Commission he was again chosen and Commissioned — —

In the second place I am some what disabled in conciquence of a cut across my knee with a drawing knife my knee is quite week and I falter considerable in my gate and am frequently so much troubled with it that I believe it would be considered sufficient to clear me from Military duty agreeably to the Laws of the State — — — — —

I feel no disposition to multiply words on this subject for I am fully pursuaded that the simple fact of my haveing been twice superceded would have been amply sufficient to have called your Excellencys attention to my verry unpleasant situation. I shall therefore submit these simple statements to the impartial consideration and final decision of your Excellency with this further remark only. that if any further evidence of the facts stated should be required I can at any time produce a sufficiency — — — —

I am Sir with much respect
your Excellencys verry ob^{t} and
Humble Servt
JESSE C HULL
Ensign 4th Comp^{y} 10th Reg^{t}
C^{t} Militia

His Excellency JOHN C SMITH
Govenor of the State of Connecticut

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Sharon Connecticut Durham Febu^{y} 28th

[Endorsed] Jesse C. Hull Ensign 4. Co. 10 Reg^{t} requesting a discharge — rec^{d} 6. March 1816 answ^{d} intra —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JESSE C. HULL

[with 9:36]

SHARON 9. March 1816

Sir

Your claim to a discharge appears to be well founded; but I should advise you to remain until the new arrangement takes place. If you retire from office *in consequence of the reorganization* of the militia your release will be final — But if you are *now* discharged unless you have held your present commission five years, or Commissions & warrants as a staff officer ten years you may be liable to do duty as a private altho' discharged as an officer — —

I doubt not your request will be attended to at the proper time — No applications of the nature you mention have been received from Durham —

I am Sir your obt Sert
J. C. S —

Mr J. C. HULL —

WILLIAM COTTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:37]

MIDDLETOWN Feby 27th 1816

To His Excellency
Jno Cotton Smith Esqr
Sir

Necessity compels me, at the present time to address you upon a Subject relative to my discharge as a Commisd officer in the Late 3d Company of State Troops acting as 2d Lieut

Sir

I am Labouring under a very serious complaint of the Lungs which has deprived me from doing my duty as an officer for 12 months past — and I have my fears in regard to present State of my Health, which induces me to address you upon the Subject of a discharge,

In Consequence of my ill health, as Capt Trowbrige tells me, the whole task devolves upon him; which is very arduous, as he now is the only Commissd officer excepting myself in the Compy I think therefore if I could obtain a Discharge and another officer Succeede me it would be more to the advantage of the Compy and relieve Capt Trowbrige of great deal of his Task

Hoping your Excellencey will take the subject into your Wise Consideration

I am Sir with Respect
your Obt Humb Sevt
&c
WM COTTON

[Superscribed] His Excellency, JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Sharon Ct

[Endorsed] Lieut. Wm Cotton's Resignation — as an officer of Horse artillery — Recd 5. March 1816 Accepted — Order issued to Capt. Trowbridge 9. March 1816 —

WILLIAM TROWBRIDGE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:38]

MIDDLETOWN Febry 29 1816

Sir since I have had the pleasure of an interview with your Excellency at Hartford I have consulted Mr Cotton in regard to his holding his office in the Company of Horse Artillery — — he informs me that it is his wish to remain untill May, & then, provided his Health should be no better, he intends to make application for a discharge, I would observe that to human probability Mr Cotton can survive but a few months at longest, I would say in regard to Mr Cotton that the Company entertain the highest opinion of him as an officer & as a Gentleman — Thus situated Sir as I am, without deriving any assistance from Mr Cotton in consequence of his ill state of Health, I again request your Excellency to permit the Company of Horse Artillery to be led to the choice of Two Lieutenants provided your Excellency does not comply with the request of Nathan Starr Jun others to establish them as a company of Rifleman —

believing another company will not be established in Middletown, I trust that your Exellency will do me Justice to believe that I am actuated from the purest principles of interest & honor to the Company of Artillery when I state to your Excellency the Grounds upon which my request is predicated & 1 we have now Three indepentant Companies (exclusive of the Horse Artillery) in this place & they are all officered & they being desirous that their companies should not fall in the rear are exerting themselves to the utmost to fill ther ranks, & 2d It is impossible for me to do all that ought to be done in our infant State to establish the company of Horse artillery on such a footing as could be wished, it is necessary that personal exertions should be made abroad as many can be prevailed upon to enlist that otherwise would not, & 3rd It is expected & beleved that we can add to the Company not less than Twenty five to Thirty Men when it is known that your Excellency has determined to grant no more Companies in Middletown, making our number to exeed fifty — & further as I am expecing[sic] to leave the State within a short time for a number of weeks it is more desireable that we should have one or more active officers, Respectfully your Excellency

verry Obedient & very humble Servt
WM TROWBRIDGE

His Exellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Connecticut

[Endorsed] Capt. Wm Trowbridge 29. Feby 1816 — recd 5. March — Answd 9th & forwarded an order for the choice of two Lieuts

GEORGE L. PERKINS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:39]

District Pay Office
NORWICH 29th Feby 1816

Sir,

some time since I was honored by the receipt of your Ex-

cellencys Letter of the 8 Ins^{t} in reply to that dictated on the 1st Ins^{t}

Having conversed with Genl Huntington before he left home for Htfd: expecting soon to go to Providence, and New Port, and flattering myself that I should return thr^{o} Hartford, I deferred a reply — — —

indispensable business required my return to this place; where on my arrival yesterday, I received your Excellencys Letter under date of the 20th Ins^{t} with a statement of the am^{o} due from the U. States, for services of the Militia, which I have advised the Pay M. Genl and hope soon to receive a remittance — — — —

It is necessary that I go to New London immediately for the purpose of paying a company about to leave the District, where I shall probably be detained a number of days. — — —

I trust it will be in my power to adjust the claims of this State before the receipt of funds, and hope your Excellency will believe that no unnecessary delay shall take place on my part — — — —

With assurance of distinguished respect, I have the honor to remain

Your Excellency^{s} Most
Ob^{t} & Most Hbl Servt
G, L, Perkins D, P, M.

His Excellency
John Cotton Smith Esqr
Sharon

[Endorsed] Pay Master G. L. Perkins 29. Feby 1816 Rec^{d} 6. March — —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO OLIVER BURR

[9:40]

Sharon 1. March 1816

Sir

Your application for a discharge is not accompanied by a recommendation from the Lieutenant colonel commandant of the regiment, which is always expected in such cases —

But although your claim merits consideration I should advise you not to receive a discharge until the reorganization of the Infantry shall be completed. If you retire from office *in consequence of the reorganization* you will be excused from further duty — otherwise as you have not held your present commission five years nor any others for the period of *ten* years, you may be liable to perform military service as a private notwithstanding your discharge as an officer — There will probably be supernumerary officers in your town when the new arrangement takes place — & your claim to be released will undoubtedly receive due attention at that time —

I am Sir your obt Sert
J. C. S —

Lieut. O. Burr —

ELISHA COLT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:41]

Controllers Office March 3rd 1816

His Excellency Govr Smith
Sir

According to your Excellencys direction I have written to Majr Goddard to forward to this Office the extra setts of Recipt Rolls made up for the U States authorized pay of the Troops called out for defence of the State in 1814 — and on the 28th Feby recieved his answer together with a trunk of Papers. and yesterday I received another letter from him — I beg leave to inclose copies of both his Letters for your information

I have not had time to examine the vouchers sent me critically — but upon looking at a few of the Receipt Rolls find them in an unprepared state for exhibiting to the District Pay Master, not being computed as to the sum due the individuals who performed the service — they however can be compleated here probably as soon as elsewhere; and I shall imploy some person to do it, if I find the business of the Office will not admit of my personally doing it in season — unless your Excellency should think proper to give other directions

I have written Majr Goddard that his attendance at Hartford

would not be necessary under a fortnight — the press of business in the Treasurers Office untill the 11th instt in setling with Collectors, will also imploy all our time in drawing on him for School Money untill that time — —

I have not been favou'd with any communication from Majr Perkins

I am with great Respect
Your Excellency's most
Obedient Servant
ELISHA COLT

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] The Comptroller 3. March 1816 recd 9th

HEZEKIAH GODDARD TO ELISHA COLT

[9:42]

[Inclosed with letter 9:41]

NEW LONDON Feby 25th 1816

Copy
Elisha Colt Esq
Sir

I recieved yours of 21st Instt & owing to its being the last of suing for the County Court of March term I was obliged to imploy Mr Baxter to seperate the U. S. Receipts &c & have sent them in a trunk to you with the key so that you can use them if you wish — — I wish that I could have setled the business with Perkins if he ever does pay the money. I think I could have been of service as the papers have not been taken or made as they ought to have been. I will come & see you as soon as possible it is very difficult for me to leave the business of the Sheriffs department at this time — if nothing of importance takes place with me I shall be with on Thursday next & shall wish to return on friday as I shall go in the Stage. I should be very glad to be excused for two weeks if I could before I come to Hartford

In haste I am yours with Respect
&c HEZ GODDARD

[on inner leaf of 9:42]

New London Feby 29th 1816

Elisha Colt, Esq
Dear Sir

I sent to you by Maj^{r} Burnham a trunk and the key thereto with the papers belonging to the U.S. Say[sic] Receipts & Muster rolls — I last evening saw Mr Perkins who says that he expected to pay those of the Militia here which come within his orders, & funds. he says that he has only $16,000 — & has to pay some of the Troops here with that. I understand that there is $10,000 at New Haven for him in addition to the $16,000 — I shall be willing to attend to the payment here & think we could do it here better than at Hartford if you think it meet the approbation of his Exellency, you may send the Trunk back & I will deposit what may be paid to me in the banks here subject to Orders which maybe given by him or your — Mr Perkins is expected here tomorrow & will stay here some days I shall not come to Harford untill I hear from you again unless Mr Perkins should go there before I do have a Letter from you — You will please write me on receipt of this and oblige you Hum^{l} Ser^{t}

Hez. Goddard

Copy

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:43]

Middletown March 5th 1816

Sir

The letter with which yr Excellency honored me under the date of the 27th Ul^{o} was received this morning. I am much surprized & somewhat mortified to hear, that only two Companies of the State Troops have volunteered as Riflemen I did not expect that many Companies in the 2^{d} Reg^{t} would volunteer at present, though they will probably make application, as soon as the Field Officers are appointed. The Capt of the 6 C^{o} 2 Reg^{t} informed me several days since that his Company had volunteered & sent an application to your Excell^{y} some time ago, but

had received no answer. Either their letter or the answer has probably been mislaid on the road. I am also informed that the 9th / 10th Co' 2d Regt have voted to become Riflemen & also a part of the 7th & I cannot but hope that the information may prove correct.

Yr Exelly will see by the following calculation & facts what my views with respect to this place are & how far they are well founded.

This town contains say in round number 5400 Inhabitants evry 10th person should be enrolled in the Militia — —

gives — — — — — —	540 , ,
add for transfered persons in factories	60
	600 , ,
deduct Sailors — — — —	50
	550 —

a further deduction should be made for bonafide exempts, but for the purpose of calculation I leave the whole number. While I was adjutant of the 23d Rt I took much pains to ascertain the number of Persons who really ought to have done military duty in town & to have them enrolled. the Infantry the last year that I was adjutant I think returned about 410 the Cavalry about 44 — — — leaving according to the preceding calculation for the fire Companies (Two of them) & the exempts say 100 — — — —

But accordg to the preceding calculation there are person in this town subject to Militia duty — — — 550

4	Battaln Comps	at 77	rank & file is	308
1	Lt Iny	Do	77 — — — — — —	77
1	Rifle	Do	77 — — — — — —	77
1	Horse Artillery		90 — — — — — —	90
				552

Yr Exly will see by the above calculation that there are barely enough to fill the Companies which are organized, if you deduct bonafide exempts & fire men I presume there will not be enough to fill the Seven Companies as above stated by about 75 Men

allow for the horse artillery 25 from out of Town, leaves a deficit of 50 men — — — if the Cavalry Comp^{y} should be continued there will be a deficit of 100 to 110 — — one object to be gained by the late act is to prevent exempts by reducing the number of Companies, & also to excite emulation in Militia officers, by reducing their number, & giving officers who have command full & large Companies. I was induced therefore to think that, the organization of another Rifle C^{o} in this town would rather be injurious than beneficial to the Service. If the above calculation had been seen by the Officers of Cavalry, I am persuaded they would have advised the Comp^{y} of Cavalry here, to unite with y^{r} Horse Artillery & if it had not, would have advised its dissolution. Indeed it appears to me, that there is no town in the State that can support a Company of Cavalry & Horse Artillery with the usual Infantry, unless perhaps Hartford or N. Haven — such immediate proximity must be prejudicial to both. If the Cavalry here knew that they were to be reduced most of them would immediately join the Horse Artillery, but while the Company is legally in existence, they cannot en[list] from it in to the artillery.

We have four Parishes in this town — to the 1 in the City — Middlefield — Westfield & Upperhouses the parishes however are so located that I think it will be difficult to allow a Company to each parish, though I am not sufficiently informed to decide with certainty — there is a considerable District known by the name of South farms, attached to the City Parish, which has I think much greater claims than Westfield — If only 4 Call^{n} Comp^{s} are retained, I imagine the following location will be adviced—

1 C^{o} City — 2 Upperhouses & Eastern part of Westfield 3 South farms & Eastern part of Middlefield 4 Western parts of Middlefield & Westfield — the Westfield Comp^{y} is the 9th very small — very irregular & very much divided among themselves — the other Companies are respectable.

Mr Barnes wishes me to say to your Excell^{y} that he prefers retaining the Office of Judge Advocate, to that of Lieuten^{t} of Rifle Men & will decline the nomination made by the Rifle Company

With great respect
I remain Your Excellencys
very Obed^{t} Hum^{bl} Servant
CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon C^{t}
[Endorsed] Col. Whittelsey 5. March 1816 rec^{d} 9th

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ELISHA COLT

[9:44]

SHARON 5. March 1816

Sir

It appears that Congress have called upon the Secretary of war for a statement of the claims exhibited by the several States for expenditures during the late war; and by a letter received from one of our representatives I perceive the delegation are solicitous that our account should be presented. I have communicated in reply the Substance of your letter of the 10th ultimo, and have expressed my concurrence with you in opinion that a naked account unaccompanied by vouchers could answer no valuable purpose; and that the latter could not with much propriety be entrusted to any one but an agent authorized by the legislature to attend to the final adjustment. I have however intimated to the gentlemen that if they deem it expedient to forward a bare statement of the claim, it would be done; and if they also conceived an immediate exhibition of both the *claim and vouchers* indispensable, I would take upon myself the responsibility of seeing that they were transmitted. I wait their answer. — Meanwhile it would be well to have every thing in readiness, and even *to send on from your office without delay, an abstract of the claim enclosed to our Senators,* for them to make such use of it as they shall judge proper. In making out the account I should advise you to avoid the distinction of "Authorized" and "unauthorized" expenses as stated in your communication to me. I consider the whole as *virtually* "Authorized". At any rate the

correspondence between the two governments will show what part of the demand has been *explicitly* sanctioned by National Authority.

I am respectfully Sir
Your obedient and humble
Servant J. C. SMITH

E. COLT Esqr Comptroller — —
[Endorsed] To the Comptroller 5. March 1816 —

ENOS A. PRESCOTT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:45]

NEW HAVEN 8th March 1816

Sir

Your favor of the 27th Ult by Lieut^{t} James Peck of the 2^{d} Company Horse Guards I received — — —

I have as you requested taken his case into consideration and the excuse he renders me for his Conduct is not by any means satisfactory and I should have reported him for Gross neglect of duty the year past if I could have satisfied myself that there was any Law of the State for trying Officers of the Guards by Court Martial — — On this view of the subject I feel as though it would be a benefit to the Company to have him discharged — I shall cheerfully comply with any Instructions your Excellency may please to give on this subject.

I am Sir very respectfully
your most Obedient and
Humble Servant.
ENOS A PRESCOTT Captn & Major
Commandant 2^{d} Company Gov^{rs}
Horse Guards.

His Excellency
JOHN C SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Sharon Connect^{t}
[Endorsed] Major Prescott of the Horse guards — rec^{d} 19. March 1816

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:46]

NORWICH 8 March 1816

Dear sir

I have barely time since my return from Ashford to write your Excellency by the mail which leaves this for New Haven this day — — — I now inclose to your Excellency the report of the Officers for forming the sixth brigade into four regiments — — — I regret very much that misinformation as to the residence of Col[ll] Kibbee should have been the cause of omitting to notify him — — — I have determined to write the Brigadiers for information as to the residence of Colonels that a similar error may not be repeated — —

Should your Excellency think proper to direct the formation of the third brigade into regiments — — Norwich will be more central than New London, almost every Commandant will be better accomodated — — — either place is *equally* convenient to me — — I am with much esteem & respect

very sincerely yours

EBEN : HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon C Land[g] Mch. 11

[Endorsed] Adjutant General 7. March 1816 Rec[d] 23rd answ[d] D[o]

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID DEMING

[9:47]

SHARON 9. March 1816 —

D[r] Sir

If the arrangements proposed by the Colonels of Cavalry should be carried into effect it appears that one of the troops in your regiment must be reduced. Have you formed an opinion on which the reduction ought to fall? — I am informed the troop at Middletown if reduced, would readily join the company of Horse Artillery lately organized in that city and which

stands in need of that number of privates to make out the legal complement of men — Be so good as to favour me with your advise upon this subject —

I am Dr Sir very sincerely
your obt Sert
J. C. S — —

Col. Deming —
[Endorsed] To Col. Deming 9. March 1816

GEORGE W. JEWETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:48]

Saybrook March 9th A. D. 1816

His Excellency Gov Smith
Sir, I am desired by several respectable Gentlemen of the Militia to enquire whether under the late Law your Excellency will authorize the raising a Company of light Infantry, by enlistment. in this town to be annexed to the Regt within whose limits it shall be.
I have no doubt but a very excellent Company of that description, may with permission from your excellency, be raised in this Town. Lieut Dowd a very excellent officer is at the head of the proposition. and be assisted by Gentlemen of good talents for Officers

Your Excellencys answer to this inquiry will be gratefully received by Your Obedient Servant
Geo. W. Jewett

[Superscribed] His Excellency Gov. Smith Sharon Conn — — — Saybrook March 11
[Endorsed] Major Jewett — 9. March 1816 recd & answd 22nd de Lt Infantry compy

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE W. JEWETT

[with 9:48]

Sharon 23. March 1816

Dr Sir
In reply to your letter which owing to the state of the roads is

but now rec^{d} I would observe that I have thought it not expedient to create any new flank companies until the regiments are formed to which they must be annexed — The Adjutant General is now occupied in the organization of regiments Eastward of Connecticut River and will proceed as fast as the nature of the business will permit — In due time I trust the proposition of Lieut. Dowd (whom I know to be a valuable officer) will receive proper attention —

I am Dr Sir with sincere regard
your ob^{t} & hum ser^{t}
J. C. S —

Major Jewett —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID DAGGETT

[9:49]

Sharon 9. March 1816

My dear sir —

I wrote Mr Davenport last week in reply to his inquiry respecting our account against the U. States for expenses incurred during the late war — If he has shewn you the letter it will supercede the necessity of repeating its contents — I have since requested the Comptroller to forward an abstract of the amount to our Senators for them to make such use of it as they shall deem proper — The Legislature had instructed the Comptroller to charge the U. S. with evey kind of expense arising out of the war — He has therefore felt himself bound to debit even *the extra allowance* made by the state government to the non-commissioned officers & privates of the militia — However equitable such a claim may be, yet I think we cannot seriously *insist* on its admission — Whatever has been hitherto considered disputable in the residue of the account may be adjusted I apprehend at the war department without the aid of congress — If Mr Secretary Crawford possesses the integrity & discernment ascribed to him I am persuaded he will decide (as all experienced officers with whom I have conversed have decided) that B. Genl Cushing erred in his refusal to recognize the Major General of Militia at N. London — The whole expenditure for that particu-

lar period, even for the additional force at N. Haven & Bridgeport will turn on this point — Troops were indeed sent to the posts last mentioned under State authority — but not without a previous consultation with this same Gen[l] Cushing who explicitly admitted the force to be necessary but declined making any provision for the men until the Major General should be removed from command — The facts will appear from the correspondence which will accompany the documents whenever the latter shall be forwarded — In the mean time would there be any impropriety in attempting to ascertain the opinion of M[r] Crawford upon the abstract question? I cheerfully submit the expediency of such a course to yourself & to M[r] Dana, to whom I will thank you to present my most cordial regards —

I am My dear Sir very sincerely
your friend & ob[t] Ser[t]

Hon. M[r] Daggett
[Endorsed] To Hon. D. Daggett — 9. March 1816

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE HOADLY

[9:50]

Sharon 9. March 1816

D[r] Sir

I have received your two favours of the 1st & 2nd instant, covering the applications of the first & third troops 2nd Reg[t] of cavalry, requesting to be formed into companies of Horse-Artillery. I must desire you to inform the applicants in both cases that their request is granted. A General order will in due time be issued embracing the organization of the whole corps of Artillery — The formation of these two companies will of course be included in that order. Mean while the Commandants are permitted to recruit their companies from such portions of the late State troops as have not already entered any of the Select corps of Militia — Should a further latitude be required to give the companies their complement of men I should be glad to be informed of it —

If the Captain of the 3rd troop is desirous of being discharged on account of his ill-health, he will be indulged, on receiving his

application for that purpose — and an order will thereupon issue to fill the vacancy — I apprehend it will not be expedient to give the companies their entire complement of commissioned officers until they have made some progress in obtaining further enlistments — The circumstance that additional officers are to be chosen will tend greatly to augment the number of recruits; such at least has been the effect in other instances.

Arrangements to the extent of our means will be made as early as possible for furnishing the Artillery companies with ordnance — In case of unavoidable delay in these arrangements the Horse Artillery will do duty in the interim as cavalry —

You Seem not to have ascertained the view of the 2nd & 4th troops in your regiment — Nor have I yet heard from Colonels Williams & Hall (as was expected when we were at Hartford) relative to the disposition of their respective regiments to become Horse Artillery — The plan reported by the board is every way desirable, and I feel much solicitude to learn how far we may calculate upon its accomplishment.

I am Dr Sir with sincere regard
your obedient & humble servant
J. C. S —

Col. Geo. Hoadly — 2nd Regt Cavalry —

[Endorsed] To Col. Geo. Hoadly 2. Regt Cavalry — de *Horse Artillery* 9. March 1816 — —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO DAVID GELSTON

[9:51]

This letter appears on page 89.

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:52]

Norwich 11-March 1816

My dear sir

The mail having been delayed by the bad roads from arriving here & departing at the accustomed hour — — I was enabled

after my return from Ashford to address a line to your Excellency on the 8th covering the report of the Officers convened at Ashford on the 6th of this month — — I have now the honor to inclose for your Excellency (in a condensed form) the information obtained by virtue of your Excellencys General Order of 26th December last — — — I have reason to believe that in some instances the Captains have returned the *names* of persons *inlisted into Artillery &C* as belonging to their companies, when they ought to have been deducted — — by which error the company appears more numerous than they really are — — — I have detected two instances of the kind & had them corrected — — — I do not apprehend many — — — — — — Some of the returns came to me without mentioning either town or paris — — in applying them to towns I have hazarded an error — — — an instance I most suspect is applying the 7th Co 23d regt in North Street, which I have entered as in Huntington, when possibly I ought to have entered it to Trumbull or Stratford — — — — — — — — I could not have expected so much inattention and carelessness in making the returns, after the explicit direction given by your Excellency accompanied with the form annexed thereto — —

I presume your Excellency will observe that in forming the 5th brigade into regiments, that three Colonels will fall into the regiment which includes Tolland: Somers and Vernon leaving the regiment which includes Bolton &C with only a major in the whole regiment — — — I wished & endeavored to effect a different formation — — — should your excellency think it expedient to add to the last mentioned regiment, the parish of Andover made up, of Hebron & Coventry, it will include in the 5th brigade & within the last mentiond regiment Colo Shepard of the 12th regiment now of the proposed 3d brigade — — — what inconvenience may result by dividing Hebron your Excellency can but judge — — —

From conversing with the Colonels of the 5th brigade I can not apprehend much difficulty in forming this regiment into companies — — — — Should your excellency incline to have me attempt the formation of companies I hope you will not

require an exact equalization in number, but permit some inequality, where parochial limits can be preserved without too great disparity in the strength of the companies — — I apprehend more discordant feelings will arise in forming companies than in forming regiments brigades & divisions — —

I am with much respect & esteem,
very sincerely yours — — —
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH

PS — — — Finding some omission on the part of Col° King I have written him on the subject & inclosed the other sheet which contains the proposed 5th & 6th brigades directly to him and requested him to deliver the same & explain to you the cause — — — —

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Military returns 11 March 1816 Eben: Huntington, Adjt Genl C Landg Mch 11

[Endorsed] Adjutant General 11. March 1816 Recd 23rd Answd D°

DAVID DEMING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:53]

COLCHESTER March 13th 1816

Dear Sir

I intended when at Hartford, to have confered with your Excellency upon the subject suggested in your favour of the 9th instt but was under the necessity of leaving there sooner than I had anticipated. I have understood that the Troop at Chatham have offered their services as Horse Artillery, should they be organized the surplus company in the regiment under my command would be disposed of. If their application should not be granted, I am fully of opinion that the reduction ought to fall upon this Troop — the Troop now consists of fifteen privates, & within their present limits, they cannot obtain their legal complement of men. There has been a serious competition between the two Troops at Middletown, I am fearful it would excite considerable feeling to reduce the Troop annexed to my

regiment — should they be disbanded, I am persuaded but very few of them would join the Horse Artillery, If it can be effected it would be very desirable to annex the Troop at Chatham to the company of Horse Artillery at Middletown, I am induced to believe that this arrangement would be mutually satisfactory

I have the honour to be your Excellencies Ob^{dt} & Humb^{l} Servt

DAVID DEMING

His Excellency JOHN C SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon Con, Colchester Ct. March 14th

[Endorsed] Col. Deming — De reduction of the troop at Middletown 13. March 1816 — rec^{d} 18th — —

APPLICATION OF INDIVIDUALS IN SAYBROOK

[9:54]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr
Captain General & Commander in Chief over
the Militia of the State of Connecticut — — —

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do voluntarily associate together to be enrolled and organized according to law as a Company of Rifle men, in the Rifle Corps to be raised and organized in Conformity to Law. and we do promise and engage to do duty in said Corps and be subject to such officers as may be lawfully appointed over us. from time to time and we do respectfully request your Excellency to issue the necessary orders. for our speedy Organization: Dated at SAYBROOK this 13th day of March A. D. 1816 — — —

WELLS SMITH	THOMAS ADAMS
THOMAS BROOKS	W^{M} W. SOUTHWORTH
ANSEL SOUTHWORTH	CHARLES SMITH
JEDEDIAH W THOMAS	JARED S LORD
JOSHUA L'HOMMEDIEU	ALVIN CLARK
L. TILLOTSON CLARKE	LYMAN WATROUS
ASA DIBBLE	CHARLES FOSTER
TIMOTHY WARNER	JAMES L FORD
ABEL WHITING	JOSHUA SMITH JR

John Smith
Aaron Smith
Zerah Clarke
Samuel Webb Jun
Russel Watrous
Aaron Watrous
Joseph G. Holt
John Arnold.
David Arnold.
Arza Dickinson
Charles Dangelis
Luther Towner
Elisha Bushnell
John P Warner
William Boner
[Endorsed] Application (*Riflemen*) of individuals in Saybrook — Rec^d 13th April 1816 wrote same day to Major Jewett for information —

JAMES PECK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:55]

New Haven 14th March 1816.

Most respectfully do I Submit the following Statement to your Excelencys consideration

Your letter I handed to Major Prescott on my arrival at New Haven, & endeavoured to make him satisfaction. but in vain he is unwilling to receive my excuses untill I shall give up the name of the person who told me that Major Prescott said "he hoped that I never should again appear on Perade" I assure your excelency as I befour have done to major Prescott that I am under the most solum engagement to this person that I never will divulge his name. that I cannot consider it my duty to do it. even ware I to suffer severely in consiquence of my refusal.

I presume to say that no person ever entered into a military engagement with more pleasure than I did into the Guards It was indeed my Idol, the pride & ardure of a Soldier was predominant in my breast my early promotions ware as speedy as I could wish & I recived from my Superior officers every mark of attention & respect. the voice of the company was almost unanimous in my several promotions, to the rank which I now hold — indeed I was chosen first Lieutenant but at that time I could not accept of the office — every thing went on with the greatest regularity untill this unplasant affair broke out — after hearing that I could not again appear on perade — to sum it all up, my feelings ware verry much injured I felt it severely more

perhaps than I ought but considering what I had done for the company & my unremited exertions in support of it, you excelency will perhaps look upon it with a more favourable eye — this is not all, in consiquence of my non attendance on days of perade a gradual dislike & disaffection have appeared both with the officers & the company — towards me — I am indeed in a verry disagreable situation & beg that your excelency will not at present order a court martial upon me & I sincerely hope the Capt General will point out some way that I could be removed from the company & most willingly will I seve in any other — I have with great reluctance troubled your Excilency, thus far — & could I recive a letter I should be extremely happy I feel under grat obligations to your excilency for the verry kinde tratment which I had the Honor of reciving when at Sharon accept Sir my Sincere thanks for the Same

I am your Excelencys most
Obt & Hum[l] Ser[t] JAMES PECK

[Superscribed] To his Excelency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Sharon Con[n]

[Endorsed] Lieut. James Peck of the Horse Guards — rec[d] 19. March 1816 answ[d] 25 —

GEORGE HOADLY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:56]

NEW HAVEN March 15. 1816

His Excellency
John C. Smith Esqr
Captain Genl &c
Sir

I have received your favor of the 9th instant and communicated the contents to the companies which have been accepted as Horse Artillery in the second Regiment of Cavalry.

I expect daily to receive an application from the 2[d] company in the regiment to be forwarded to your Excellency. It was supposed by the Board of Officers at Hartford that it would be expedient to annex the company to the Regiment on the other side of Connecticut river. In that case the company at Middletown

& the two companies from the second regiment together with one from the westward would be sufficient to form a Regiment of Horse Artillery. What will be done by the 4th Troop in the 2d Regiment of Cavalry I do not yet know. It is quite the poorest troop in the regiment & if there must be a reduction of companies this could be spared better than any other. It is chiefly composed of men from Milford Derby & Woodbridge There is I am told a very good troop of horse at Stratford It was our calculation at Hartford that this troop with the three others named should constitute a Regiment of Horse Artillery. I have heard nothing in respect to Col Halls Regiment. But I have no doubt that every troop would volunteer if the business were fully explained to them. I have yet found not the slightest difficulty. I have said little to the 4th troop because I supposed it desireable that the offer should first be made to those companies which were best fitted for the Artillery.

The first troop in my regiment which your Excellency has recently accepted as Horse Artillery is extremely desirous of being continued as the first company in the Regiment under the new organization

I expect to have the pleasure of communicating in a few days to your Excellency further particulars in regard to the new arrangement

With the great respect I am
Your Excellency's
Most obt servant
GEO. HOADLY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Sharon

[Endorsed] Col. Hoadly — de Horse Artillery 15. March 1816 — recd 19th — re-examine it —

WILLIAM HUMPHREYS TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:57]

HUMPHREYSVILLE March 20th 1816

To His Excy Govr Smith/

Sir/

The 2d Compy State Cavalry, which I have the honor to

command, is from the following causes, of course, constantly diminishing.

1st There has none enlisted into it since (or indeed for some time before) the termination of the War. — — —

2d Some have died & a number have moved away out of the State & two or three, (supposing the State Troops as a natural consequence were dissolved) upon the news of peace, enlisted back again into the Militia Cavalry from whence they had before enlisted into the State core. what I ought to do respecting them I am unable to determine. It has been the opinion of most of the Company; that in the arrangement of the Military System of the State, this Compy would be dissolved or annexed to other Companies of Militia Cavalry & indeed considering the circumstances of the Company perhaps it will be the very best thing that can be done. its present limit is very extensive, including Derby, Oxford, Middlebury, Waterbury, Woodbridge, Huntington & Newtown. All the Commissioned Officers besides myself together with my oldest Serjt before the War considered themselves exempt from Military duty, they say it was motives of *Patriotism* that induced them to tender their services to the state, during the war & that after the war was ended they did not expect to be continued. They have indeed been at considerable trouble & expense in the Military way & they have petitioned me to request your Excellency to have their case considered. I think Myself, under the present circumstances of the compy it would be best to dissolve it, though I have born the major part of the extra trouble & expence in raising & disiplining the Compy which I have the honor to command, yet as I am a young man I am still willing to continue in the Military servise of the State or to abide the decission of the commissioners appointed to arrange the Military System of the State.

I am Sir, with sentiments
of the highest consideration
and Respect Your
Most Obt Hble Servt
WM HUMPHREYS

[Superscribed] To His Excy JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Capt. Wm Humphreys recd 9th April — answd 10th 1816

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:58]

NORWICH 20 March 1816

My dear sir

By yesterdays mail I was honored with your Excellencys favour of the 16th — — — Your Excellency is pleased to remark that you had heared nothing from me on the subject of the Ashford meeting or any abstract of the militia returns — — I presume they must have reached Sharon on the day of the date of your excellencys letter — — — the report of the officers convened at Ashford was put into the mail on the 8th & the abstract of the militia into the mail on the 11th Last week I called on Colo Williams on the subject of Horse Artillery — — & this morning I have called on him wishing to know whether any thing conclusive had been done — — he informed me that he found on his return home, that some difference of opinion existed among the cavalry as to the expediency of being formed into Horse Artillery & he though it prudent to use delay in hopes to effect unanimity — — — he was impressed with the necessity of an early decission, & would exert himself to accomplish the business & inform your excellency of the results at as early a day as possible — —

I am with much respect
yours very sincerely — — —
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Via New Haven C Landg Mar 20 15

[Endorsed] Adjt General — 20. March 1816 — de Col. Williams of the cavalry —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

[9:59]

SHARON 23. March 1816

Dr Sir —

After the rect of your favour of the 5th instant I wrote Col. Deming on the subject of reducing the troop at Middletown belonging to his regiment — I wish you not to mention his opinion, but he seems decidedly opposed to that measure — He thinks the reduction ought to fall on the troop at Chatham if its application to be formed into Horse Artillery should not be accepted — & he suggests the expediency of attempting to unite that troop with the Horse Artillery in Middletown — I perceive it is a small troop & that there is little prospect of its being recruited — I have delayed a decision on its petition to be formed into Horse Artillery until I hear from the Colonels of cavalry on the coast — who with the exception of Col. Hoadly have been very dilatory in their report — — Allow me to trouble you again for your opinion of the project intimated by Col. Deming —

I judge from your letter that there is not much hope of filling your horse artillery excepting from cavalry —

In haste I am Dr Sir your
friend & ob. srt

Col. WHITTELSEY —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[9:60]

SHARON 23. March 1816

Dr sir —

I find the eastern mail lay over one week at Litchfield — so that your favours of the 8th & 11th instant are but now received — The delay is to be very much regretted — I hasten to forward by the mail this day the foregoing order; which I hope you will be able to circulate in season — if not you will please

to vary the day of meeting accordingly — Insert also the name of the Innkeeper at Norwich —

I think we must complete the organization of the regiments before we enter upon the formation of companies — Be pleased therefore to inform me as speedily as may be on what days you can conveniently attend — say at N. Haven, Fairfield, Litchfield & Hartford taking the second, fourth, sixth & first brigades in one circuit — and I will have the orders in readiness to be forwarded to you without delay — Learn the place of residence of the Colonels so that there may be no omissions if possible — I regret that Col. Kibbee of the 5th brigade was overlooked and am of opinion you had best write him explaining the circumstance & inform him I shall be happy still to hear his objections if any he has to the arrangement proposed by the board —

I conceive it will hardly be advisable to vary the limits of a regiment or brigade merely to include a field-officer who may go out of office in a very short time — I see not why Col. Shephard may not remain in command if it is his right notwithstanding he happens to reside on the wrong side of a mathematical line —

I am Dr Sir very sincerely your
obt sert

N. B. Be so good as to inform me why Col. Young did not attend the meeting of the board —

Major Genl HUNTINGTON Ad. Genl

[Endorsed] To Adjt General covering General Orders for 3. Brigades 23. March 1816

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JAMES PECK

[9:61]

SHARON 23. March 1816 —

Sir —

your letter is received and in reply I have to observe that is is not in my power to remove you into another corps. I can dis-

charge you from your present office — but as the law now stands you will be liable still to do duty as a private in the militia — If you are disposed to enlist into the first troop 2. Reg^{t} of cavalry now formed into Horse Artillery and run your chance for promotion (there being vacancies to be filled) I will at your desire discharge you from your present office — I regret extremely the occasion for any such arrangement but I think of no other that will relieve you from your embarrassment — you will please to inform me without delay whether under all circumstances you are desirous of being discharged from the office you hold in the Horse guards —

I am Sir your ob^{t} ser^{t}

Lieut. James Peck —

GENERAL ORDERS

[9:62]

State of Connecticut — —
General orders

March 23. 1816

A board of General officers have reported to the Commander in chief as their opinion that the following towns with the exception of that part of Haddam which lies on the east side of Connecticut River should comprize one brigade of Infantry pursuant to the "Act for forming and conducting the military force of this state" — to wit — New London, Bozrah, Colchester, Franklin, Griswold, Groton, Lisbon, Lyme, Montville, Norwich, North stonington, Preston, Stonington, Waterford, Chatham, East Haddam, Lebanon, Voluntown, Marlborough, & Hebron; which report is under consideration — In the meantime the Commander in chief is desirous of obtaining the advice & opinion of the Brigadier General and the Acting Lieutenant colonel commandants of infantry within those limits relative to the most expedient method of forming the infantry therein into four regiments, the number required by the Act. The officers just mentioned will accordingly meet at [left blank] inn in Norwich on the 4th day of April next at 1'o'clock in the after-

noon; and when thus assembled will constitute a board at which Brigadier General Isham will preside. They will confer together upon the subject above referred to them & report their opinion thereon at as early a day thereafter as may be convenient.

The Adjutant General is instructed to be present and to furnish the board with such documents in his hands as may assist them in forming their result — —

By order of the Commander in chief

[Endorsed] General orders for 3rd Brigade — 23. March 1816

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ABEL HALL

[9:63]

SHARON 23. March 1816

Sir —

When I had the pleasure of meeting the Colonels of cavalry at Hartford it was agreed, you will remember, that the Commandant on the coast should take the earliest opportunity to consult their respective regiments on the subject of converting them into Horse-Artillery and apprize me of the result — I have since received a very satisfactory communication from Colonel Hoadly of the second regiment; but from Colonel Williams & yourself I am not as yet favoured with any intelligence — The arrangements respecting the cavalry & Horse Artillery you must be sensible have in the mean time been wholly suspended — The plan reported by the board is so very desirable that I cannot but feel much solicitude for its adoption. — I am confident Sir this important measure has not escaped your attention, and I hope therefore soon to learn that the 4th regiment of cavalry have cheerfully subscribed to the patriotic views of their Commandant —

I am Sir respectfully your obt
& hum. sert
J. C. S —

Col. HALL —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[with 9:63]

SHARON 23. March 1816

Dear Sir

The Lieut. colonel Commandants of cavalry who were convened at Hartford by Gen[l] orders on the 14th February last reported to me as their opinion that the eight regiments of cavalry should be reduced to five (the number allowed by the new act) by converting the three regiments on the Sea coast into Horse Artillery — and the colonels of those regiments engaged to consult the wishes of their men relative to this proposition without delay & inform me of the result — Every well-wisher to the Safety of our maritime frontier must feel gratified if this measure can be accomplished —From Col. Hoadly of the 2nd regiment I have already received very pleasing information — but from Col. Williams of the 3rd & Col. Hall of the 4th I have as yet heard nothing — As I am unacquainted with Col. Hall's place of residence I trouble you with the enclosed letter to him upon that subject & will thank you to give it the proper direction & forward it as speedily as possible — Your personal influence in favour of the proposed arrangement will in my judgment be of essential service —

I am respectfully D[r] Sir your ob[t] &
hum. Ser[t]

B. Gen[l] FOOTE —

[Endorsed] To Gen[l] Foote & Col. Hall — 23. March 1816 de Horse Artillery —

GENERAL ORDERS

[9:64]

State of Connecticut

March 25th 1816

General Orders

A board of General officers have reported to the Commander in chief that in their opinion the following town should comprize one Brigade of Infantry pursuant to the "Act for

forming and conducting the Military force of this state", to wit — New Haven, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Meriden, Milford, North Haven, Oxford, Wallingford, Waterbury, Woodbridge, Wolcott, Durham, Killingsworth, Saybrook, and that part of Haddam lying west of Connecticut river. Which report is under consideration, excepting nevertheless that *the whole of the town of Haddam* is to be deemed & taken as included within the limits of the proposed brigade. The Commander in chief is desirous of obtaining the opinion and advice of the Brigadier General and the acting Lieutenant Colonel Commandants of Infantry within those limits relative to the most expedient method of forming the Infantry therein into four regiments, the number prescribed by the act. The officers just mentioned will accordingly meet at [left blank] in the city of New-Haven on the day of April next at one'o'clock in the afternoon; and when thus assembled will constitute a board at which Brigadier General Howe will preside. They will confer together upon the subject above referred to them and report their opinion thereon at as early a day thereafter as may be convenient —

The Adjutant General is instructed to be present, and to furnish the board with such documents in his hands as may assist them in forming a result —

By order of the Commander in chief —

[Endorsed] General orders for 2nd Brigade — 25. March 1816 —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:65]

Norwich 25 March 1816

My dear sir

On the 8th & 11th I wrote your excellency & on the 20 I wrote you again acknowledging the recd of your Excellencys favour of the 16th since which I have recd no communication from your excellency — —

In June 1806 I appointed Thomas M. Huntington Esquire my aide de camp, in which office he continued till February 1815, at which time he was endeavoring to establish himself in New York, at his request I dismissed him — — I rec^{d} a letter from him under date of the 19th inclosing his warrant *stating* — — That to exempt him from militia duty in New York, it is made necessary by law, that he should obtain a certificate from his excellency the Governour of this state *"That he had held the appointment, and performed the duties appertaining to the office, for the term of more than eight years; and had been honorably discharged* I have indorsed the warrant & inclose the same to your excellency with a request that you will be pleased to give the necessary certificate, & inclose the warrant back to me by mail — — — — — — I pray your excellency to present my respectful compliments to Mrs Smith & to your sons family & believe me with much esteem

yours very sincerely — — —
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon —
[Endorsed] Adj^{t} General — 25. March 1816 — de certificate for Major Huntington — Sent certificate —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN BUTLER

[9:66]

To John Butler Captain of the late 6th company in the 2nd regiment of infantry State troops — Greeting —
Whereas the company aforesaid were on the 9th day of February last at their special instance & request accepted by me as a company of Riflemen agreeably to the Statute lately made & provided — and whereas I have thought proper to comply with your request to retire from the command of said company after a captain shall have been chosen and commissioned in your stead, I do therefore direct that you cause legal notice to be given said company to meet at such time & place as you shall designate for the purpose & when so assembled that you

lead them to the choice of a captain & also to the choice of a Suitable person to fill any vacancy which may happen in consequence of such choice — bearing in mind that the commissioned officers of said company are by law to consist of one captain, one Lieutenant & one Ensign — You will transmit this order with your doings thereon endorsed to the Adjutant General who in due time will return the same to the Honourable the General Assembly — — When your successor is commissioned you are to be considered as honorably discharged from the command of said company — Given under my hand the 26th day of March AD 1816 — —

J. C. S. Capt. gen[l]

Sir —

Having granted your request to be released from command after your successor shall be chosen & commissioned I forward to you the foregoing order which I doubt not you will duly execute — The company is to be considered as organized — One General order will embrace the organization of all the companies as soon as the corps shall be complete —

Your favour of the 24th ultimo was duly received — I delayed an answer until the Adjt. Gen[l] had transmitted to me an abstract of the late Militia returns — It has just arrived — I perceive by the return from Durham that the 2nd comp consists of 32 men and the 4th comp. has also 32 men — I should like to be informed whether the Captains have included in these numbers those individuals who have lately associated with your company — After receiving this information I shall be in a better situation to determine whether they are to remain —

An order will issue at a proper time presenting the "kind of rifle and the length & bore of the barrel" — I presume the period you ask will elapse before your men will be required to furnish themselves with that article — In the mean time they will make use of their muskets —

I am Sir your ob[t] & h[m] ser[t]

J. C. S —

Sharon 26. March 1816 —

Capt. Butler —

[Endorsed] Order to Capt. Butler of the Rifle corps — 26. March 1816 — & letter &c Copy —

GENERAL ORDERS

[9:67]

State of Connecticut

March 26th 1816 —

General Orders —

A Board of General officers have reported to the Commander in chief that in their opinion the following towns should comprize one Brigade of Infantry pursuant to the "Act for forming and conducting the Military force of this State" — to wit — "Fairfield, Danbury, Brookfield, Greenwich, Huntington, New Canaan, New Fairfield, Newtown, Norwalk, Reading, Ridgefield, Stamford, Stratford, Sherman, Trumbull, Weston, and New Milford" which report is under consideration. The Commander in chief is desirous of obtaining the advice & opinion of the Brigadier General and the Acting Lieutenant Colonel Commandants of Infantry within those limits (excluding therefrom however *so much of the town of New Milford as lies within the Society of New Preston*) relative to the most expedient method of forming the Infantry therein into four regiments, the number prescribed by the Act. The officers just mentioned will accordingly meet at [left blank] inn in Fairfield on the [left blank]day of April next at one' o'clock in the afternoon; and when thus assembled will constitute a Board at which Brigadier General Foote will preside. They will confer together upon the subject above referred to them and report their opinion thereon at as early a day thereafter as may be conveneint.

The Adjutant General is instructed to be present and to furnish the board with such documents in his hands as may assist them in forming their result —

By order of the Commander in Chief —

[Endorsed] General Orders for 4th Brigade — 26th March 1816

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:68]

NORWICH 27th March 1816

My dear sir

Yesterdays mail furnished me with your excellencys favour of the 23d accompanied with a General Order of the same date — — — the orders for the respective officers will be put in mail & leave this place this day and I presume reach all the officers this week, excepting the one for Colo Shepard of Hebron, (Andover Society,) which may not reach him till next week — as I understand he lives about half way between the two Hebron Post Offices — —

Before I left Ashford I wrote Colo Kibbee and stated the cause of my omitting to notify him of the meeting, & gave the letter to Colo E. Smith of Tolland who expected to see Colo Kibbee & explain more fully the accident, & communicate the formation of regiments as reported to your excellency — — I have recd a letter from Colonel Kibbee acknowledging himself satisfied with the excuse, but observes that *being ignorant of the proposed formation,* he can not approbate the arrangement as wished & requested by me until he is informed of the lines — — On my return from Ashford I saw Major Fitch who informed me that Colo Young was obliged to attend the N London County Court on the day of our meeting which prevented his attendance — — — The state of the roads will compell me as far as practicable to use the stage for conveyance, in meeting the officers of the respective brigades; when the stages will not answer I will procure other conveyance — — — I would propose that If your excellencys orders should reach me next week to distribute the same to all the officers as soon as practicable & commence with the 2d brigade on Wednesday the 17th at 10 °Clock AM at New Haven, the 4th brigade at Fairfield or Norwalk on Friday the 19th at 10 °Clock MM, the 6th brigade at Litchfield on the (23d or) 24th calculating a stage from New Haven on a monday or tuesday — and

the first brigade at Hartford on the 26th at 3 °Clock PM, or on the 29th at 10 °Clock AM

The extension of the limits of the 2d brigade will require about a day for some of the commandants to travel to New Haven — — — — I would wish directions from your excellency whether Major Marks of the 10t Regt should be notified, to attend as there is no Colonel to that regiment — — — — The Brigadiers & Commandants of regn in the 1st brigade reside in Hartford, Wethersfield, Windsor Canton & Farmington, but only one of them exceeding nine miles — — & he will have only twelve, of course will have abundant time to meet at 10 °Clock in the morning — — — — Should your excellency wish any different arrangement from the one proposed — — I presume *I shall find no difficulty* in meeting your wishes — — A stage leaves this town every tuesday morning for Hartford, & every tuesday thursday & saturday, (afternoon) for New Haven, of course I can communicate orders every other day *by* New Haven to Hartford &C — — My wishes would have dictated a commencement of the business a week earlier, had not the fast day been on that week — — The gentlemen I think can not want more than a day & a half for deliberation & completion of a report in each brigade, or two days at farthest — —

Your excellency will perceive, that any other arrangement than the one proposed will be perfectly agreeable to me, and I wish your excellency to make such arrangement as to *time & place,* as will give the most satisfaction to the Brigadiers & Commandants leaving me barely time after leaving one brigade meeting, to reach another — — —

I am with esteem & respect
sincerely yours — — —
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon

[Endorsed] Adjt General — 27. March 1816 — de Col. Kibbee and times of meeting boards of officers —

GENERAL ORDERS

[9:69]

State of Connecticut

March 27th 1816

General Orders —

A Board of General officers have reported to the Commander in Chief that in their opinion the following town should comprize one brigade of Infantry pursuant to the "Act for forming and conducting the Military force of this State" — to wit — Litchfield, Barkhamstead, Bethlem, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Harwinton, Kent, New Hartford, Norfolk, Plymouth, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington, Washington, Warren, Watertown, Winchester, Woodbury, Middlebury, Southbury, and Hartland; which report is under consideration. The Commander in Chief is desirous of obtaining the opinion and advice of the Brigadier Generals and acting Lieutenant colonel commandants of infantry within those limits (adding thereto *that part of the Society of New Preston which lies within the bounds of New Milford*) relative to the most expedient method of forming the infantry therein into four regiments, the number prescribed by the act. The officers just mentioned will accordingly meet at Catlin's inn in Litchfield on the [left blank] day of April next at one'o'clock in the afternoon; and when thus assembled will constitute a board at which the Senior Brigadier General present will preside. They will confer together upon the subject above referred to them and report their opinion thereon at as early a day thereafter as may be convenient.

The Adjutant General is instructed to be present & to furnish the Board with such documents in his hands, as may assist them in forming a result — —

By order of the Commander in chief —

[Endorsed] General Orders for 6th Brigade — 27th March 1816

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:70]

NORWICH 28th March 1816

His Excellency
Governour Smith

Sir Captain Lester who commands the company of artillerists, recently raised in the town of Griswold, is very anxious to obtain a piece of brass ordinance for the use of his company, and he informs me that there are two pieces of that description at New London & that the Matross Captain at that place, informd him one could be conveniently spared — — — — —

Will your execellency excuse me in aiding Capt Lesters request, by soliciting your permission to have him accommodated & give an order for that purpose, *as you may please to direct* to the Quarter Master Genl for that purpose or to the Captain of the Matross Company at New London — I am with much respect & esteem,

your excellencys humble servt
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon Jewett-City Ct, March 29

[Endorsed] Adjt General — 28th March 1816 de ordnance for Capt. Lester's company — Issued order to Q. M. Genl accordingly —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO EBENEZER HUNTINGTON

[9:71]

SHARON 29. March 1816

Dear Sir

To save time I conclude not to wait for a reply to my letter of the 23d instant and accordingly now enclose Genl orders for the 1st 2nd 4th & 6th brigades respectively — You will fill the blanks at your discretion & even extend the time if necessary — I hope however you will be able to see them executed in all April

— — You will be pleased to notice particularly the variations which I have found it advisable to make in the original report of the Gen[l] officers — Altho' they cannot materially change the result, they are nevertheless very interesting to the parties concerned — I have considered it respectful & proper to invite to the board both Brigadiers in the 1st & 6th brigades — In the latter indeed I knew not which had the rank & was therefore not sorry that they should be thus furnished with an opportunity of settling their pretensions —

I am D[r] Sir very sincerely yours

Adg[t] Gen[l] HUNTINGTON —

[Endorsed] To Adj[t] Gen[l] 29. March 1816 enclosing Gen[l] orders for 1st 2[d] 4th 6th brigades

[WILLIAM PLUMER] TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:72]

EPPING (N. H.) March 30. 1816

Dear Sir

From my former acquaintance with you, I have taken the liberty of soliciting a favor, which your official station renders easy to grant. Please to inform me what is the present annual salry of the Governor, Lt. Governor, Chief Justice, & associate justices of the supreme or highest court of law in Connecticut. I do not by the highest court mean your court of appeals or assistants. Your answer by the mail will confer a favor on me.

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTEN SMITH Governor of Connecticut Sharon C[t]

[Endorsed] Hon. W[m] Plumer (N. H.) rec[d] 17th April answ[d] D[o]

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE HOADLY

[9:73]

SHARON 30. March 1816

D[r] Sir

Col. Hall of the 4. reg[t] cavalry has been with me the present week & has received instructions to consolidate his four Troops into two companies constituting one battalion of Horse Artillery

— Their number will give nearly the complement required by the act in commissioned officers non commissioned officers & privates leaving only two supernumerary captains & cornets —

I did not advert to the circumstance, until this interview with Col. Hall, that the colonels of cavalry in the details of their report, overlooked the company of Horse Artillery at Middletown which was organized early in January — The order was made returnable to the office of the adjutant general but probably had not been received — otherwise that officer would undoubtedly have communicated the fact to the board — Misled by this omission influenced by your remarks respecting your 4th troop and considering the second as likely to be otherwise disposed of I have fallen I fear into an error in accepting the first & third until the others had been allowed an opportunity of being combined with them in the same battalion — How is the evil to be corrected? — It would now seem that a battalion should be formed from each of the three regiments and that the companies at Middletown & Colchester, who have the same uniform & have been accustomed to act together, should compose the fourth battalion — —

I have as yet no communication from Col. Williams — Should he not be able to raise a battalion from his regiment we may in that event perhaps dispose of the whole of yours without much difficulty — Be pleased to favour me with your thoughts upon this subject & believe

me Dr Sir with much esteem your obt sert

Col. Hoadly — 2. Regt —

N. B. If Col. Williams should raise a whole battalion may not your four troops still be consolidated? —

[Endorsed] To Col. Hoadly of 2nd Regt Cavalry — 30. March 1816 de Horse Artillery — —

ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:74]

Bridgeport April 1st 1816

Dear Sir

I recd your Excellencys Letter in time with one inclosed for Col Hall — I had the good fortune to See him in one hour after

I rec^{d} it — he informed me he had Seen your Excellency after the date of the Letter and knew its Contents Col Hall has been heretofore opposed to the Regt being Converted into Horse Artillery but I am happy to find his mind now changed — he has ordered the Reg^{t} to assemble this week and promises he will use all the Influance he is master of to pursuade them to accept the offer of forming themselves into the before mentioned Corps — Col Hall is a good officer (tho not so much polished as some) he is an able Farmer and has great influence over the minds of his soldiers — I think with what little aid I Can give will be able to obtain a majority in favour — I have seen the Capt of the first Company who has been opposed but now is in favour of this mesure — he has promist me he will use every exertion to Correct the minds of his men — — I assure your Excellency that I am desidedly in favour of this Corps I believe it to be the most efficient force that Can be formed — I am much Gratified that your Excellency takes such a deep Interest in such an interesting Cause to the State as I think this to be in Converting this allmost useless force into so Valuable one when properly organized and trained — — — it is well known to every man of the Least observation that a Militia Cavalry Can be of but little use in the defence of the state against invasion — altho the Cavalry is made up of the flour of our youth — one Brigade of Horse Artillery properly organized and well Trained — is worth more for a defence against a Maritime Enemy than all the Cavalry in the State — I Shall attend at the assembling of the Reg^{t} if posable and I flater my Self your Excellency will be pleased with the result — —

altho Sir I am Calculating to resign at May Session — yet I Shall endever to do all in my power to encourage and Support the Militia that I have the honour to Command So Long as I am trusted with my present office — — —

With Sincere Resp^{t} I am your
Excelencys most obet Humble Servt
ENOCH FOOTE

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Sharon
[Endorsed] Brig^{d} Genl Foote — 1. April 1816 de Horse Artillery —

JAMES PECK TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:75]

(April)
NEW HAVEN 2^{d} March 1816.

Sir

Your Excellency's Letter I had the Honor of reciving on 29th Mch — dated 23^{d} ult^{o}

I now request of your Excellency a discharge from the 2^{d} Comp^{y} G. H. Guards

Humbly hope I may herafter have an opportunity of Serving the State with honor to my Self in the Horse Artilery in which corps I expect to inlist

Accept Sir the thanks of
your most Obliged & humble Servt —
JAMES PECK

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Sharon Conn 10
[Endorsed] James Peck — 2nd Lieut. 2. C^{o} G. H. Guards requesting a discharge — granted — (See Major Prescott's letter— issued order 10th April 1816 —

RETURN OF THE 7TH REGIMENT MILITIA

[9:76]

Statistics omitted in this publication.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:77]

NORWICH April 2nd 1816.

To His Excellency John Cotton Smith
Sharon

Sir

I have hitherto deferred addressing Your Excellency with the wish to come to a final communication re-

specting the converting the troops in the 3d Regt of Cavalry into Horse Artillery: But so great has been the delay that without waiting for the result I proceed to state to Your Excellency the progress of this business — —

On my return from Hartford I transmitted the proposals to the respective Captains, but it would seem however a fatality attends it, one of the Captains was on a sick bed from which he probably will never recover. Another was absent and a third did not receive my letter owing to the carelessness of the person (Majr Crocker) by whom it was entrusted, — — —Such I found to be the case on the route I took among them at the moment Genl Huntington called on me.

I have since waited with impatience the returns and as yet have recd only one which is from the 3d Troop. This I do not transmit as many of the Company were absent and I wait their Signatures. — — —

I sett off tomorrow to visit each Troop for the sole purpose of bringing this business to an end.

I feel mortified at the delay which has taken place, but as it is their will & not mine that is to be consulted, & their time & not mine I trust Your Excellency will Consider it accordingly — — —

I have the honor to be
with Great Consideration
Your Excellencys
Obt Hble. St
WM WILLIAMS JR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH &c. &c.
Sharon.

[Endorsed] Col. Williams 2. April 1816

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:78]

MIDDLETOWN April 4th 1816

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 23d Ulo arrived during my absence, or an

earlier reply would have been given. I agree with Col^{o} Deming that the troop of Cavalry at Chatham ought to be reduced, but I am satisfied that his project of uniting them with ye Horse artillery in this town, can never be effectual to any good purpose. That troop are at least Seven Miles from this town, & most of its number live more than Nine Miles from here, — the Country from which it is raised is very rocky, hilly & totally unfit either for Cavalry or horse Artillery — besides, there cannot be collected on any one day, a sufficient number of that troop to equal the compliment of noncommissioned officers in a Company of horse artillery, & it is impracticable to raise any considerable number of Men in that quarter, especially if they have to cross the river to do Duty. I do not believe it would be at all expedient to attempt the union suggested. The Troop of Cavalry in this town is respectable, but I believe it will be for the public interest that it should be reduced, or that the Comp^{y} of Horse Artillery should be be disbanded — Many of the Troopers are willing & disposed to join the Horse Artillery, some few are desirous of joining the Rifle Company — but either Company can be reduced without any serious evil, as it is merely a dispute as to what Officers shall command.

At the request of some Gentlemen at Saybrook I enclose Y^{r} Excellency the Petit^{n} of Ansel Southworth & others praying to be organized as a Rifle Comp^{y} I am informed that the Petitioners reside chiefly in Chester Parish & that the Batt^{n} Companies in that quarter are large. There is but one independant Comp^{y} in that Reg^{t} ie the Artillery lately commanded by Maj^{r} Jewett. With the Pet^{n} is a return of the Reg^{t} under the hand of the adjutant, I do not know how the Companies are located. There are ten subscribers in addition to those whose names are on the Pet^{n} enclosed. One or two respectable Gent^{n} from Saybrook, have given it as there opinion that the Pet^{n} may granted without any injury to the battallion Infantry

I am with great
respect Your Excellency's
very Obed^{t} Humble Servt
CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] Col. Whittelsey 4. April 1816 rec^{d} 13th de rifle comp. at Saybrook — also reduction of cavalry —

HORATIO G. HALE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:79]

HARTFORD April 4th 1816

Sir

I am requested by several members of the 9th Comp^{y} State Troops, lately under my command, to inform your Excell^{y} that they contemplate volunteering their services into the Rifle Corps, to be raised; provided the rendezvous for a Company should be established in this place. They wish likewise to know in what manner the Corps is to be uniformed, or, if none is yet adopted, to request any information, or suggestion with regard to it, which your Excell^{y} may think proper to communicate.

The pecuniary circumstances of many members of the Company are such, that they do not feel warranted in volunteering until they can ascertain the expense of equipment, with some degree of accuracy.

They likewise wish for general instruction, with regard to the manner in which they should proceed, in order to accomplish the object (should they be accepted) in season to clear them from fines in the militia. I am with due respect

Your Excell^{ys} Obed^{t} serv^{t}
HORATIO G. HALE

[Superscribed] His Excell^{y} JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Sharon
[Endorsed] Capt. H. G. Hale (Hartford) 4. April 1816 rec^{d} & answ^{d} 13th de rifle corps —

WILLIAM WILLIAMS, JR. TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:80]

NORWICH 5th April 1816.

Sir,

I had the honour to address Your Excellency on the 2nd Inst.

to which I crave your reference, since which I am favored with Your Esteemed letter of the 28th Ult°

I have just returned from the circuit among the Troops of this regiment, and though unable to forward their returns at this time I have nevertheless the pleasure to announce to your Excellency they are in a good train & will I trust be speedily completed when they shall be transmitted without delay.— I regret that this Regiment should have been the last to offer their services to a measure in which (as Your Excellency observes) the honour and safety of the State are so much concerned, Yet in justice to the promptness and zeal which they have manifested in the innovations which have been made in a change of the Uniform, acquiring the Sabre exercise, Military Meetings, &c. I am free to observe could this proposition have been made to the Regiment *enmasse* they would have met the proposal without opposition, while the Mode adopted by the Captains of calling on every member of the Company for his assent has been not only tedious & protracted, but less beneficial in its result

The report of the Colonels of the Cavalry embraced as Your Excellency will observe the Company at Middletown. Yet the annexing of the Company to this Regiment in lieu of a Company from Col° Hoadleys Regiment, cannot essentially effect the arrangement, unless they should meet *by Regiment* for Inspection & review The extreme limits of the Regiment being in that case greater than in the other.

It will in other respects no doubt be preferable. With great respect

I am
Your Excellencys
Obt Hb,le. Servt

WM WILLIAMS JR

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Sharon.

[Endorsed] Col. Williams 5. April 1816 —

GENERAL ORDERS

[9:81]

Gen[l] orders 6. April 1816

The company of light artillery commanded by Captain Lewis Gorham originally annexed to the 4th regiment 4. Brigade of infantry, having unanimously presented through their captain an application to the Captain General to be disbanded, and it appearing on inquiry that the company contains a very small number of privates and that there is no rational prospect of filling ranks by enlistment, the Captain General has thought proper to grant their request — It is accordingly ordered that the company aforesaid be & the same hereby is reduced — The Commissioned officers thereof towit — Lewis Gorham Captain, Isaac Hall first Lieutenant and Jeremiah Burton second Lieutenant at their desire are to be considered as honourably discharged after having delivered over to the Quarter Master General (who will take charge of the same) all such ordnance & property of every kind belonging to the state as may have been confided to said company — The rest of the individuals composing said company (who are not otherwise exempt by law from military duty) will remain subject to be enrolled in the company or companies of infantry within whose limits they may respectively reside; nevertheless to afford them an opportunity to furnish themselves with the necessary equipments it is the pleasure of the Captain General that they be not called upon for exercise inspection or review until the first monday in September next —

By order &c

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO [DAVID HAWLEY, JR.]

[9:82]

SHARON 6. April 1816

Sir

By the returns lately received from the Adjutant General I perceive the company under your command is the *only one* in the Society of Ripton. Should it be formed into a company

of Riflemen it will become necessary to extend the limits of some neighbouring infantry company over your parish for the purpose of including those accessions to the militia which are constantly made by young men arriving at the legal age for military service — These young men will of course be compelled either to enlist into the rifle company or to train in another parish — But the rifle company may be full, & in that event they will have no alternative — Anxious as I am to accede to your proposition, I feel nevertheless great difficulty in surmounting this objection — — If you can remove it I shall most cheerfully receive your company into a corps which I am very desirous should be filled as speedily as possible —

In reorganizing the militia it is my wish and so far as the execution of the act may devolve upon me it is my determination to allow each located society in the state, if practicable, at least one military company even altho' its numbers may not amount to the complement desired — and that consolidations when necessary be made in those societies where there are more than one company — In short that no man if it can be avoided shall be obliged to attend ordinary military duty out of the limits of his own parish — —

The Adjutant General will meet the Colonels of Infantry in the 4th brigade at Fairfield about the 20th instant — You will then have an opportunity of showing him this letter & stating to him any further observations you may wish to make upon this subject — He will report them to me, & you may rest assured there will be a disposition on my part to comply with your wishes as far as a due regard to the public interest will permit — — I am sir your obt & hml sert

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:83]

Norwich 8 April 1816

My dear sir

Inclosed is the report of the board of officers of the third

brigade convened at Norwich on the 4th of this month — — — which report I wish safe to hand and to satisfaction — —

Your excellencys favours of the 28th and 29 Ultº were received with their inclosures and duly attended to — — the last of the circulars will be put in the mail this day — — Brigadiers & Lieutenant Colonels Commandant of the 2d & 4th brigades, will probably have generally received their circulars the last week —

Colº Williams resides in this town, & *had* his letter the day I received it — — — I had the day before, suggested to him that he had better inform your excellency of his progress & the prospect of the result — — —

I am with much esteem and respect
yours very sincerely — —
EBEN : HUNTINGTON

His Excellency
Governour SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon
[Endorsed] Ad. General Huntington 8. April 1816

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:84]

NORWICH 10 April 1816

Dear sir

Your excellencys order for the reduction of the fourth company of artillery in the fourth brigade was received by yesterdays mail, and will be forwarded to General Foote this day — — —

The orders recd the third (I believe) for convening the Brigadier and Lieut Colonel Commandants of the proposed 2d brigade have been forwarded, & the blank filled for meeting me at New Haven on tuesday the 16th at New Haven 1 ° Clock PM — — — also for the proposed fourth brigade to meet me at Fairfield on thursday the 18th at 1 °Clock PM — — — for the proposed sixth brigade to meet me at Litchfield on Wednesday the 24th at 1 °Clock — and for the proposed first brigade to meet me at Hartford on Monday the 29th at 1 °Clock — — —

The returns of the militia in the town of Warren hath not yet been received —

I wrote your Excellency the 8th covering the report of the board of officers of the proposed third brigade — — — I pray your Excellency to accept my thanks for your attention to my request in indorsing Major Huntingtons warrant which came to hand yesterday — — —

I am with respect and esteem
yours very sincerely — — —
EBEN: HUNTINGTON

His Excellency
Governour SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour SMITH Sharon 10
[Endorsed] Ad. Gen[l] — 10. April 1816 — Times of visiting several brigades —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO WILLIAM HUMPHREYS

[9:85]

SHARON 10th April 1816

Sir —

Your letter of the 20th ultimo did not reach me until yesterday evening —

The term of service of the "Military Corps" expired at the close of the war. They were however by the act of May 1815 continued *as militia* until the rising of the General Assembly in October then ensuing. At the Session last mentioned provision was made for receiving such of the companies as should desire it into some of the select bodies of militia authorized by the "Act for forming and conducting the military force of this state". Those who decline the proposition *return of course to militia infantry, and will be enrolled in the several companies within whose limits the individuals may respectively reside;* excepting that the commissioned officers are to be considered as finally discharged from duty. However unavoidable, it is nevertheless to be regretted that the state must thus lose the talents and services of some of her best military characters; in which

number, it is but justice to add, you hold sir in my judgment a distinguished place —

I am with sincere regard sir
your obedient & humble servant
J. C. Smith —

Capt. Humphreys — —

JOHN LESTER TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:86]

Griswold April 11th 1816

His Excelency
Gov Smith Sir The company of Artillery in this town lately formed by your order through the Adjt Genl are desirous that your excellency should determine whether untill their officers are commissioned and the company furnished with a field piece — — are to be called out for exercise Or whether the respective Captains of the companies from which they formely and a few of late enlisted have a right to call on them to do duty in the Infantry It would be the desire of many of the company to be called out but the officers being without commissions could exercise no authority over them — — — I pray your Excellency to Give such directions as you may deem proper — — I am your

most obdt and
Hhbl servt & Subjt
John Lester

N B The above is wrote by the advice of the Adgt Genl

[Superscribed] His Excellency John C. Smith Esqr Sharon Conn pr mail

[Endorsed] Capt. Jno Lester 11. April 1816 — recd 17th Answd Do

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO GEORGE W. JEWETT

[9:87]

Sharon 13. April 1816

Dr sir
I have this day received an application signed by Ansel South-

worth and others to the number of thirty four inhabitants of Saybrook requesting to be formed into a company of riflemen — It is said there are ten other individuals concerned in the application but whose names are not subscribed — — —

It is very desirable to fill the rifle-corps — and it is also quite expedient in my judgment that in reorganizing the militia there should be allowed at least one company of infantry in each located society — these applicants it is said reside principally in Chester parish — Will you have the goodness to inform me whether their request can be granted consistently with the principle just mentioned? If so it will afford me real pleasure to receive them into that corps —

With sincere esteem I am D^r sir
your ob^t ser^t
J. C. S —

Major Jewett —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HORATIO G. HALE

[9:88]

Sharon 13. April 1816 —

Sir —

Your favour of the 4th inst. ought to have been rec^d the last week, but did not reach me until this day —

Should the company of state troops lately under your command offer their services as riflemen they will be allowed to wear their accustomed uniform — & a reasonable time given them to procure their rifles — — If they volunteer *as a company* their officers, or such of them as tender their services, will be retained in command — If they apply as an association of individuals, and the associates amount to the number required by the act (or nearly to that number) they will in that case be led to a choice of officers — In either case an application should be made out in form — subscribed by the associates & addressed to the Commander in chief — — In forming the association care must be taken not to include any member of an *enlisted*

company — and as it is desirable that there should be at least one company of infantry in each located society the like caution must be exercised not to defeat that object —

The wishes of the associates will be consulted as to their place of rendezvous —

I can only add that it will afford me real pleasure to receive further accessions to the corps of riflemen —

I am respectfully sir

your ob^{t} &hm ser.

Capt. H. G. Hale —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO SAMUEL WAUGH

[9:89]

Sharon 13. April 1816

Sir

I have received the application subscribed by yourself & others members of the late 4th company of state troops requesting to be accepted as Riflemen pursuant to the act — — and I hereby signify to you my compliance with the request, hoping & expecting that the company may be recruited to the requisite number without injury to the general arrangements proposed for the militia — In recruiting, care must be taken not to include members of any *enlisted* company — and as it is desirable that there should be at least one infantry company in each located society, the like caution must be exercised not to defeat that object — —

I am happy to perceive your name at the head of the list & I should like to be informed whether any of your subaltern officers are disposed to be retained in command — if not I will immediately send you orders to lead the company to a choice —

I am Sir with sincere regard

your obedient servant

J. C. S —

Capt. Waugh —

[Endorsed] To Capt. S. Waugh —

ROBERT GATES TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:90]

DERBY April 15th 1816

Sir,

It is with real pleasure I acknowledge the rec^t of your highly esteemed favour of the 6th Inst — — — —

I have also the satisfaction to assure your Excellency that the arrangement proposed in your communication meets my own approbation, & the wishes of the officers & men belonging to the Company which I have the honour to command. — — I have only time to add that with perfect & consideration, I am Your Excelency's

Very Ob^t
And most Humble Servant &c
ROBERT GATES

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH ESQ —

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esquire Sharon —

[Endorsed] Capt. R. Gates 15. April 1816 de Artillery —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO JOHN LESTER

[9:91]

SHARON 17. April 1816

Sir —

Your letter of the 11th instant is received — Such of the members of your company as belonged to the late state troops are not liable to do duty in the infantry — They are accepted as artillerists under the act relating to the Military corps passed at the last session and cannot therefore be considered as infantry for any purpose — I have also as little doubt that the other individuals of the company are holden by the acceptance of the association, provided they have been duly enlisted or enrolled — But of this not knowing the precise circumstances of the case I am unable to judge —

It is my expectation, although you are not yet Commissioned that will *invite* the duly enrolled members of your company

to exercise on the day appointed by law — and it is equally my expectation that they *will cheerfully comply* with your request — I likewise hope the Q. M. General will have made arrangements to supply you with at least one piece of ordnance by that day — If not — the time can be profitably employed in the exercise of the sword —

I am Sir your ob^t & hum. Ser^t

Capt. J^NO LESTER —
[Endorsed] To Capt. Lester —

GEORGE W. JEWETT TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:92]

SAYBROOK April 18 A. D. 1816.

His Excellency Govr Smith &c

Dear Sir Yours of the 13th Instant is this moment reived. In answer I can State with Confidence that a rifle Company cannot be raised in the Parish of Chester and leave any thing like a full Company of Infantry in that Society. There are however two companies of Infantry in the adjoining parish of Pettipague; one of which I presume under the new organization will be deranged, — that might be so incorporated with the Parish of Chester as in my Judgment to render the thing practicable . . . . The Pettipague Company (so called) is more than full, notwithsanding, the artillerists inlisted from it and a part of the northern section of that — — called Deep river District might be very conveniently annexed to Chester —

In hast — very respectfully
your Excellency's obed(ient)
Servant
GEO. W JEWETT

Please excuse this bungling Scroll. I write it at the Post office with such materials as I could get

[Superscribed] His Excellency Govr SMITH Sharon Conn Say-Brook April 19
[Endorsed] Major Jewett

HORATIO G. HALE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:93]

HARTFORD April 24th 1816

His Exy John Cotton Smith Esqr

Sir

Your favor of the 13th was duly received. I enclose an application from several members of the 9th Compy State Troops for a Rifle Company. The number of applicants are small; — many are either from home, or reside at a considerable distance from this City & no invitation could conveniently be offered them. I believe however, that the Company are generally prepared to enlist & there is little doubt but that a company may be filled by individual enlistment in the course of the present year.

Should your Excelly think proper to form a Compy on this application, previous to the first Monday in May; I am requested by individuals not members of the state Corps, who are desirous of enlisting, to enquire whether fines will be collected of them by Militia Companies, should it appear that they had not time to procure Equipments before that period

I am with due respect,
Your Excellencys Obedt Servt
HORATIO G. HALE

[Superscribed] His Exy JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Sharon

[Endorsed] Association of Riflemen Hartford — 9th Co 1. Regt state troops recd 26. April 1816 Suspended — see letter to Capt. Hale Additional signatures having been obtained & the captain having also subscribed — the Company were *accepted* 14th May 1816 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO HORATIO G. HALE

[9:94]

SHARON 27. April 1816

Sir —

Your favour of the 24th instant with the association therein enclosed is received — The number of associates is really too

small to be led to a choice of officers — & of course to be organized at present as a company — As you are confident that the late 9th company of state troops under your command (of whom the present applicants are a part) are disposed to enter the Rifle corps — if you as their captain will volunteer, you may proceed to enrol them as Riflemen on their application When thus enrolled they shall be considered *as a company of Riflemen* and their ranks may be filled (if not already complete) by enlistments from the militia on the terms & conditions mentioned in my last — And to answer your inquiry those who did enlist will be held liable from the date of their enlistment & of course not subject to do duty elsewhere — Should you wish to retire from command after having accomplished this service you shall be permitted to do so, & the company will then be led to a choice of your successor & other officers — If you decline the service, the association must be more numerous before it can be accepted —

I am respectfully Sir your obt sert

Capt. H. G. Hale —

[Endorsed] To Capt. Hale — 27. April 1816 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ABEL HALL

[9:95]

State of Connecticut — — —

To Col. Abel Hall — Greeting —

The application which you have forwarded to me, from a respectable number of individuals in the towns of Huntington, Trumbull, Newtown and Weston requesting to be formed into a company of Riflemen, is received — Viewing the peculiar situation of the applicants I consider it equally an accommodation to them and to the public to grant their request — I do therefore hereby signify my acceptance of their association — You will accordingly be pleased to cause due notice to be given the applicants to meet at such time as you shall appoint near the dwelling house of Samuel B. Owens in Huntington their future place of parade, and when so met to lead them to the choice of one captain, one Lieutenant and one ensign together with the

legal number of non commissioned officers — and make return of this order with the choice of the commissioned officers thereon endorsed to the Captain General for the time being at Hartford in such season as that the same may be laid before the Honourable General Assembly during their approaching session —

Given under my hand the 27th day of April
AD 1816 — J. C. S. — Capt Genl

[Endorsed] To Col. Hall —

EBENEZER HUNTINGTON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:96]

Hartford 30th April 1816

my dear sir

I have now the pleasure to inclose the report of the board of officers for forming regiments in the first brigade, which completes the organization of the Infantry into regiments — — — — The reports from the other brigades, I presume have reached your excellency before this time — — — — I shall leave town this afternoon — — — —

I am with much esteem
respectfully & sincerely yours
Eben: Huntington

His Excellency
Governor Smith

[Superscribed] His Excellency Governour Smith Sharon
[Endorsed] Adjt Genl 30. April Recd 3. May 1816

HORATIO G. HALE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:97]

Hartford May 1st 1816

Sir

Your of [left blank] was duly received. My name would have appeared among those of the associates, without any conditions, were it not for the expenses incident to Military Offices. As the

interest of the associates appears to require it, I now volunteer with cheerfulness & doubt not of ultimate success in filling the Ranks.

I remain Your Ex^{ys} Obed^{t} Servt

His Ex^{y} JOHN COTTON SMITH ESQ HORATIO G. HALE
Sharon

[Endorsed] Capt. H. G. Hale's Subscription —

GEORGE HOADLY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:98]

NEW HAVEN May 3. 1816

His Excellency
John C. Smith Esqr
Sir

I have recd your Excellencys favor of the 27th ult. The association of the 4th Troop I hope to obtain on Monday next, so as to be able to forward it to you at Hartford at the commencement of the session.

At the request of several officers of the regiment I beg leave to suggest to your Excellency some considerations relative to the numbering of the new regiments & companies. It is their wish to retain their present rank both in regard to companies & regiments or at least as high a rank. As the two regiments of Horse Artillery are chiefly from the 2^{d} & 3^{d} regiments of Cavalry, the 2^{d} regiment of Cavalry is particularly solicitous to be organized as the 1st regiment of Horse Artillery, conceiving it not presumptuous to ask for the same relative rank which it now possesses. As I know you can have no other wish than to do perfect justice to all concerned, I shall be satisfied with any arrangement & shall endeavor to reconcile the officers & men to any measures which may be necessary to complete the organization, With the greatest respect I am Your Excelley ob^{t} sert

GEO. HOADLY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C. SMITH Esqr Sharon
[Endorsed] Col. Hoadly — May 3. 1816

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:99]

MIDDLETOWN May 8th 1816

Sir

owing to the absence of Capt Trowbridge, Your Excellencys letter of the 9th of March, was not recd by him till yesterday. He has requested me to write to Your Excely on the Subject mentioned in that Letter. I answered your Letter of the 27th of Feby & gave my reasons for thinking it inexpedient to establish another Rifle Company in this Town — circumstances which have occurred since confirm me in that opinion. The Company of Horse artillery have fixed on Mr Starr Jr as their first Lieut & Mr S — will be pleased with the appointment — but he is so situated that he cannot agree to be elected unless his Petition is negatived. A number of the Petitioners will join the Horse artillery, if another Rifle Co is not established. We Genln are all desirous of knowing yr Excellencys determination in that subject & have requested me to ask yr Excellency to inform me what the determination is— if you should deem it expedient & can find time, amid the numerous avocations of the season

I am with great respect
Your Excellys very Obed Sert
CHY WHITTELSEY

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford

DAVID DEMING TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:100]

COLCHESTER May 10th 1816

Sir

I take the liberty in behalf of the Officers of the Company of Horse Artillery in this place to request your Excellency to issue an order authorizing the Commdt to lead the Company to the Choice of officers. The Capt & Lieut have been indefatigable

in their exertions to obtain recruits, the company now consists of Sixty five men, I am fully of opinion that it would facilitate enlistments to give them an entire Complement of Officers should your Excellency think proper to comply with their request it would be desirable to have the Order forwarded in season to enable the Officers to obtain Commissions at the present Session of the Legislature.

I have the honour to be your Excellencies
Obdt & very Humbl Servt
DAVID DEMING

His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford

JONATHAN INGERSOLL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:101]

NEWHAVEN May 11th 1816

Sir,

Last evening, I had the honour of receiving your letter of the 9th instant informing me, that I was elected Lieutenant Governour of the state — — — This mark of respect shown by my fellow citizens is highly gratifying to me; and the more so, as it was communicated to me in so polite a manner, and with such undissembled friendship. — I propose to be at Hartford to attend on my duty at the Council board, by monday, or at farthest, by tuesday, of next week — — — — — —

With the greatest respect,
I have the honour to be, sir,
your Excellency,s most
obedient servant
JONTH INGERSOLL

His Excellency
Govr SMITH

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO ENOCH FOOTE

[9:102]

HARTFORD 13. May 1816

Dr Sir

I was truly sorry to learn that the 4th regiment of Cavalry declined the invitation to become Horse-Artillery; and the more so as the sea coast within the County of Fairfield must in consequence of it be destitute of a due proportion of Artillery of any discription — Have the officers & men in that regiment really understood the Subject? — Are they willing to be reduced to infantry instead of entering the corps of Horse-Artillery? or do they indulge an expectation that they will be allowed to remain as cavalry? — I strongly suspect they have been made to believe the latter — But after their brethren in the interiour of the state have expressed the utmost willingness to be formed into artillerists would the Captain General be justified in reducing them to infantry & in allowing the Dragoons on the coast to continue who have refused the offer? — They will at once perceive the injustice of such a proceedure — The utmost they can expect is to suffer a reduction equally with the other regiments and in that event their own will be broken up & such part of it as may remain will be annexed to a regiment in the interiour & will of course be compelled to travel a great distance at each regimental muster — but it is very questionable whether even such an arrangement can be allowed — It is true the corps of Horse Artillery now wants but one company to make up its entire complement — and that will probably be raised in a very few days — The deficiency in the County of Fairfield will be abundantly made up in the counties of N. Haven & N. London — To accomplish this however we have been obliged to permit recruits from *the infantry* and the consequence must be that *the Cavalry* who were expected to constitute the Horse Artillery will be very much exposed to the fate of becoming infantry —

You will naturally inquire what can now be done to remove these embarrassments? — I know of but one course — If the 4th regiment or any considerable proportion of it will still consent to enter the Artillery I will endeavour to obtain from the

Legislature now in session authority to receive them — and I have little doubt it will be granted — The sooner the attempt is made the better —

I address myself to you sir upon this subject from a knowledge of the deep interest you have uniformly taken in the security of the coast & in the general prosperity of the militia, and from a persuasion of your readiness to embrace every opportunity of promoting those objects —

I am respectfully Dr Sir your
very ob^t ser^t

B. Genl Foote —

[Endorsed] To Genl Foote — 13. May 1816

ENOCH FOOTE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:103]

Bridgeport 15th May 1816

Dear Sir

Your Excelencys Letter of the 13th inst is before me — when I was first informed of the refusal of the 4th Reg^t Cavalry accepting the offer to become horse artillery I was so disapointed I Came near witering[sic] your Excellency a Letter giving my opinion what ought to be done with them but on reflection thought it might be assuming what did not beloning to me therefore did not make any Communication — I have long ben aware that this Reg^t was generally opposed to become Horse artillery but did think that reason and Justice would prevail over their unruly wills but in this I was mistaken — I find it will not do to form an opinion of what will be by what ought to be — — — but to answer your Excellencys questions I would observe the offer has ben made to this Regt twice fairly and the Last time their Situation and every propriety Stated with every incouragement that Could be offered — they ware told if they did not accept it was provibel[sic] they would be reduced — yet all this did not prevail — they flatered them Selves that if they did nothing they Should remain as they ware and when they ware told to the Contrary they Sayed Coll Hall ownely wished to frighten them into it — — — — Severil observed if they ware disbanded

their would be Horse artillery raised and they should have to enlist a new — — They have an Idea if they hold Stil they Shall remain entire and when are told the Contrary they think is a thret — I was not able to attend their Last meeting but I adresed at Letter to the Reg^{t} Stating the whole matter in as favorable terms as was capable and I am told Coll Hall did his duty Likewise — I have briefly Stated to your Excellency the fealings of the Reg^{t} and what has ben done to obtain their Consent to become Horse artilery now if any thing furthar Can be done that is within my power it Shall be done at your Excellencys request with pleasure — will your Excellency indulge me So far as to give my opinion what Course ought to be taken in the proseeding with the Reg^{t} — — — to Call them togeather again to get their minds (and I no of no other way it can be done) would in my opinion be useless and would inflict a burthern on the inosent — for I am Sattisfied twenty men Cannot be got to Volunteer as Long as they have the Lest hope of remaing as they are — The Situation they are now in Sutes them — and they have an Idea that to have a field peace attached to them will be a Burthern— but if the Reg^{t} ware disbanded I have no doubt but a Large and fine Company of Horse artillery Could be raised by enlistment every man from this Reg^{t} in ten hours— and this is Clearly the mode that ought to be adopted — it would at first make Some grumbling and So will any thing els but as Long as it is Just and the best for the Publick good — no one ought to be disatisfied and if they was it would be but a few and would remain but a Short time

to be sure Sir Since I have ben honored with a Command in the Militia have felt at a duty to give it all the Support in my power to the best interest of the State and altho I feal as if I had Spent both time and treasure as much as I ought in this way — yet as the Militia is in Such a Confuzed State owing to the new organizeation of them I have made up my mind to not hand in my resignation at this Session and if your Excellency has any further Commands it will be attended to in time

I have ben informed by Some gentlemen in the Town of Huntington that a new Company of Rifle men raised in that

town and that they have enlisted allmost every man that does duty in the limits of two Comp[anies] and if they are asstablished it will destroy booth th[e] Militia Companys — the Capt I understand is one Edwards I barely mention this that your Excellency may enquire into it if it is proper — — — the artillery both Light and Horse I Consider the best troops in the State — I Should be Proud to Command them — — —

I am Respectfully your Excellencys
obedt Humble Sert
ENOCH FOOTE — — — —

His Excellencys
JOHN COTTON SMITH ESQR
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr
Hartford

GEORGE HOADLY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:104]

NEW HAVEN May 16. 1816

His Excellency
J C Smith Esqr
Sir

In reply to your Excellencys favor of the 14th inst I beg leave to observe that there has been yet no material addition to Captain Cooks Company. A considerable number of young men are ready to enlist as soon as their probable uniform can be ascertained. It has been supposed by many of them that as soon as the regiments & Brigade of Artillery were organized there would be a change of Uniform & the candidates for enlistment are unwilling to incur the expense of two uniforms this season I would respectfully suggest whether there ought to be any addition to the company officers until suitable additions are made by enlistment to the number of privates. If the additional officers are not appointed until the companies are recruited, it will add much to the facility of enlisting ambitious young men,

With very great respect I am Sir
Your Excellencys most obt servt
GEO. HOADLY

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr Hartford
[Endorsed] Col. Hoadly — 16. May 1816 Answ^{d} 20th & order enclosed to Capt. B. Cook to lead to a choice of Capt. —

GEORGE W. GORDON TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:105]

John C. Smith Esqr Capt General & commander in Chief of the Militia in the State of Connecticut

Sir at the session of the General Assembly at Newhaven in the month of October 1815 the petition of Sampson Bennet and Gideon Perkins Sergeants in the 6th Company 21st Reg^{t} was sent to you accompanied by my certificat that the facts therein stated were true and requesting your Excellency (if consistant) to discharge the aforesaid Sergeants from further Military duty Maj^{r} John Douglas by whom it was sent forgot to call on you to get the discharges or if they could not be discharged an answer from you. I have one thing further to state which was not stated in their petition as it has since occurd in s^{d} Company on the 6th of May Instant the Capt and Lieut^{t} of s^{d} Company having removed into the State of New York the Company was led to a choice of officers the youngest sergeant was appointed Captain and a Corporal appointed Lieutenant this is the fourth time they have been superseeded they are respectable men and have alway performed their duty faithfully and I do recommend them to the Captain General for to be discharged from any further Military duty (the Brigadier General not being empowered to do the same by General Orders.) I am Sir with respect your Obedient Servt

GEORGE W GORDON Lieut^{t} Colo^{l} 21st Reg^{t}

PLAINFIELD May 16th 1816

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN C SMITH Esqr at Hartford

[Endorsed] Col. Gordon requesting the discharge of two Sergeants — Wrote him 30th May that the subject was referred to the Adj^{t} Genl to do what may be just & proper

PETITION FROM SOMERS

[9:106]

To John Cotton Smith Esqr. Govenor & Commander in Chief, in & over the State of Connecticut, the undersigned would humbly represent — that the board of General officers, when convened at Farmington adjudged it proper to annex Enfield, in Hartford County, to the 5th Brigade to be formed on the East side of Connecticut River, —

That the Regiment to be formed of Somers, Ellington, Vernon, Tolland, Stafford & Union as designated by the board of Regimental officers, when convened at Ashford; will, be in point of numbers, one of the smallest Regiments in the State —

That in consequence of Enfield having been annexed to the Brigade to be formed on the West side of the River, the Regiment contemplated as above, is greatly diminised in point of numbers, & its centre carried into the mountainous country —

The River is a natural boundery & we humbly conceive, that it ought to be a division line as it respects Militia Brigades & Regiments

We humbly conceive that the board of General Officers had a correct Idea of the situation of the Country & correctly judged of the propriety of annexing Enfield to the Brigade to be formed East of the River —

The undersigned would humbly represent that, if Enfield, & Scantick Parish in East-Windsor were annexed to the Regiment, designed as aforesaid, — the Regiment would be nearly square in point of Territory, would be respectable for its numbers & Eligible for its central situations for Military or Regimental purposes, — — —

For the above reazons, & others which will naturally suggest themselves to your Excellency, we humbly conceive, that your Excellency will deem it proper & just, that Enfield be reannexed to the 5th Brigade and that Union be annexed to the Regiment East of the one to which it is now annexed — —

That your Excellency would annex Enfield, and Scantick Parish in East Windsor to the Regiment to be formed of the Towns as aforesaid, in the 5th Brigade, or otherwise grant relief

by annexing Enfield to said 5th Brigade as in Dutybound, the undersigned will ever pray. Dated Somers May 18th 1816 — —

Amariah Kibbe Jr Lt. Colo, 31st Regiment
Theodore Pease Adjutant 31st Regt
Jonathan Johnson Jr, Capt. 7th Compy 22d Regt — Stafford
H A, Hamilton — Surgeon of the 31st Regimt
Apollos Spelman Lieut 7th Compy 22d Regt Stafford
Joseph Johnson Ensn 7th Compy 22nd Regt Stafford
Luke Kibbe Capt 5 Comp 31st Regt Somers
John Phelps Lieut. 5th Comp 31 Regt — — Somers
Oliver Collins Capt 3 Comp 31 Regt — — Somers
Jabez Collins Major 31th Regmt Enfield
Eliphalet Collins Capt 1st Lt Co Regt — — Enfield
Jonah Griswold Jr Capt 2 Comp 31 Regmt Enfield
Calvin Hull Ens 5 Compy 31 Regt Somers
Persons Henry Ens 2 Comp 31 Regmt Enfield
Alfred Davis Capt 4 Compy 31 Regmt Enfield
Josiah Kimball Ensn 5 Compan 19 Regt Ellington
Clark Foster Capt 5 Company 19 Regt Ellington
Francis McLean Lieut Col 19th Regiment Vernon
Lieut Horatio Kibbe 3d Company of 31th Regmt

[Endorsed] Petition from Somers &c —

HORATIO G. HALE TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:107]

Hartford May 24th 1816

Sir

Returns were made to me on the 6th Instant, of the Enlistment of *Forty* into the Rifle Company under my command.

I wish to be discharged from this command as soon as circumstances will permit, & the company are generally anxious to be led to a choice of Officers before the rising of the present session of the Legislature, should your Excellency think it adviseable.

Your Obedr sert
Horatio G. Hale

To his Excellency J. C Smith

[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Esqr Hartford

[Endorsed] Capt. Hale's Resignation accepted order issued 25th May 1816 —

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:108]

MIDDLETOWN May 27th 1816

Sir

Mr Gill one of the Committee for nominating Field officers for the Artillerists called on me, to advise respecting appointments in this County. He mentioned that my name was on the list from which the Lt Colos were to be selected. If it should be deem'd expedient to give me a Commission at all, I should prefer the Corps of Horse Artillery — or if that should not be consistent with the Claims of others, the Corps of Riflemen, would next be prefered. At the same time I shall be perfectly well satisfied not be considered at all & to be left free from Military duty. As I have heretofore been indebted to Your Excelly for military promotion, I have take the Liberty to make the above suggestions to you rathan to others.

It however appears to me that it is expedient to postpone the appointment of Field Officers at present, as two out of three of the appointments will be void by a late Law of U. States — it requires, that evry Regt composed of two Battns should have a Colonel, a Lieut Coolo & one Major. & evry Regt composed of one Battn to be commanded by a Major — saving Commissions granted previous to the first day of May — of course before valid Commissions can be granted a Law must be passed giving Field officers to the various Regts according to the Law of Congress — —

I am with great
respect Your Excellys
most Obedt Sert
CHY WHITTELSEY

His Excellency
JOHN COTTON SMITH
[Superscribed] His Excellency JOHN COTTON SMITH Hartford

GENERAL ORDERS
[9:109]

State of Connecticut
General Orders
May 27. 1816

A General Court martial of which Lt Col. Commandant Martin Kellogg Jr. is President was held at Glastenbury on the 21st instant by order of the Brigadier General of the seventh Brigade for the trial of Captain Samuel Crowel of the first company in the 24th regiment of Infantry charged 1^{rs} with neglect of duty 2nd with contempt to a superiour officer and thirdly with disobedience of orders — The arrested officer was fully heard in his defence — The court on due consideration acquitted him of the third charge but pronounced him guilty of the first & second charges & thereupon Sentenced him to be publicly reprimanded in such manner as the Capt. Genl shall direct —

The Captain General having examined and maturely considered the whole record approves the Sentence of the court, and to carry the same into effect directs that the Brigadier General of the Seventh Brigade do publicly reprimand the Said Captain Samuel Crowel in Brigade orders for the "neglect of duty" & "contempt to a Superiour officer" of which he stands convicted as aforesaid & that he report the execution of this order to the office of the Adjutant General

The General Court martial whereof Lt Col. Kellogg is President is hereby dissolved —

[Endorsed] General orders approving sentence of Genl Court Martial 7th Brigade — Capt. S. Crowell — 27. May 1816 —

GENERAL ORDERS
[9:110]

State of Connecticut
May 27th 1816 — — —
General Orders — —

A General Court Martial of which Lieut Col.

Comm^{t} Martin Kellogg Jur. was President was holden in Glastenbury on the 21st Inst, by order of the Brigadier General of the seventh Brigade for the trial of Captain Samuel Crowell of the 1st Co. in the 24th Reg^{t} of Infantry, charged 1st "with neglect of duty" 2^{ly} "with contempt to a Superior Officer" 3^{ly} with disobedience of orders — — —

The arrested officer was fully heard in his defence. The Court on due consideration acquited him of the 3^{d} charge, but pronounced him guilty of the 1st & 2nd charges, & thereupon sentenced him "to be publicly reprimanded in such manner as the Captain General shall direct" — — — — — — — — — — — — —

The Captain General having examined & maturely considered the whole record approved the sentence, and to carry the same into effect, directs that the Brig^{r} General of the seventh Brigade do publicly reprimand the said Capt Samuel Crowell in Brigade Orders for "Contempt to a superior Officer, and for neglect of duty" — — which order of his Excellency is executed in the following manner — — Viz — —

Brigade Orders — Seventh Brigade Militia — —

You Samuel Crowell should remember, that contemptuous treatment to our associates in life, is base, and beneath the character of a Gentleman, & that the offence is greatly aggravated, when extended to our Superiours in Military command — — Its tendency being to destroy that subordination, without which, our Militia would be but weak and inefficient — — —

Neglect of duty is a crime of greater magnitude, for circumstances may be such, (should your example be imitated) as to endanger the safety of our Country — — Confidence has been reposed in you by the State Authorities — — The course which you pursued through the Season of 1815 clearly evinces that this confidence was misplaced — — — The rights, the liberties, and the institutions of this State are dear to its Inhabitants: and the officer to whom their protection is confided, who manifests a spirit of indifference & abuses the trust thus reposed in him, materially injures that cause, which it is his absolute duty to support — — It is however presumed, that your conduct was the effect of a perverted judgement; therefore the Court have

thought proper to inflict upon you the mildest punishment which the law allows, and have still reserved to you the character of an officer — — — —

It is confidently expected that these gentle censures will reclaim you from error, to honourable conduct, and to the paths of duty — — —

By order of Brigadier General Lusk — —
GEORGE PLUMMER
Brigade Major & Inspector
7th Brigade — — —

July 4th 1816 — — — —

Publicity has been given to the foregoing General & Brigade Orders, by transmitting attested copies to the Commandants of the several Regts composing said Brigade — — —

GEO PLUMMER Brig: Maj. & Insp^r — —

[Superscribed] EBENEZER HUNTINGTON Esquire Adjt. Genl Conn^t Sharon — — — — Glastenbury July 30th

PETITION FROM 4TH COMPANY

[9:111]

To his Excellency John Cotton Smith Esqr Captain General & Governor of the State of Connecticut:

The Petition of the Subscribers Inhabitants of the Town of Canton, within the limits of the 4th Company & 18th Reg^t of Connecticut Militia Humbly Sheweth

That your petitioners have been informed that in the new Organization of the Militia of this State, the towns of Enfield, Suffield, Granby, Simsbury & Canton (with certain small exceptions) compose a Regiment: That the distance from the North East part of Enfield to the South-west part of Canton, is very great, not less, we believe, as the roads are laid than thirty-five miles: That the place for Regiment at parade will probably be at or near Turkey Hills, a distance of about fourteen Miles from this place, in a North-Easterly direction, & over rough & mountanious roads — — —

That your Petitioners understand that in the original plan for the location of the Reg^ts Submited to your Excellency, by

the Adjutant General, the town of Canton, or Some part of it was annexed to the Reg^{t} composed of the towns of Farmington, Southington, Berlin, Bristol & Burlington; & that this arrangement was altered at the instance, & in consequence of the urgent request of the Com,d^{r} of the 18th Reg^{t} — — — —

That in the opinion of your petitioners it would be Consistent with the general good of the Militia & greatly beneficial to the Inhabitants residing within the present limits of the 4th Company in said 18th Reg^{t} to be annexed to the Reg^{t} composed of the towns of Farmington &c, in which case the center of s^{d} Reg^{t} would be at or near Farmington Meeting-House; making the aurage[sic] travel for the inhabitants in the present limits of s^{d} 4th Comp^{y}, for Regimental Review, about ten Miles; & that the roads from this place to Farmington are level & very good — —

Praying your Excellency to take the case of the Petitioners into your wise consideration & to grant such relief as to your Excellency may appear just & reasonable — And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray — — —

Dated at Canton May 27th AD 1816

Ralph Dyer
Calvin Case
Norman Dyer
Norman Mills
Noadiah Case
Zenas Dyer
Luke Case
Norman Case
Watson Case
Abel Case J^{UR}
Silas Case
Ira Case
Charles Humphry
Bera Case
Levi Case
Thaddeus Moses
Guy Forbes
Correl Humphrey
W^{M} Roberts
Stanly Olmsted
Edward Case J^{UR}
Isaac Mills
Samuel Dickinson
William Everitt
Luther Higley
Harvey Case
Eben Humphry
Truman Pettibone
Asher Humphreys
Joseph Dyer
Fre^{D} Humphreys
Decius Humphreys
Theodore Pettibone J^{R}
Thomas Bidwell

Rufus Tuller
Titus Case
Lyman Case
Fithen Case
Frederick Humphrey
Cyrus H
Asa Case
Alexander Wilcox
Eli Mather
Solomon Everest
William Stone
Jared Mills Ju^{R}
Joseph Dailey
Abraham Hanford
Obed Higley
Elisha Case
Barnabas Freeman

[Endorsed] Petition of the Inhabitants in the limits of the 4th Comp^{y} 18th Reg^{t}

ISAAC D. BULL TO JOHN COTTON SMITH

[9:112]

Hartford June 1st 1816 — —

Sir

Having completed my twenty fourth year of military duty in the Company which I have now the honour to command, and believing it to be reasonable as respects myself, and proper in regard to others that said command should be transfered to another, I have to request your Excellency will be pleased to accept my resignation thereof — — — — —

With great respect I remain
Your Excelle^{s} Most Hble Servt
Issac D. Bull
Major Commd^{t} first C^{o} Gov^{s} foot Gds

His Excellency John C. Smith Esquire
Captn Genl

[Superscribed] His Excel^{y} John C. Smith Esquire Sharon Con^{t}

[Endorsed] Major Isaac D. Bull's Resignation — Rec^{d} & accepted 8th June 1816 — order issued same day — discharged *"when his successor shall be chosen & commissioned*

INSTRUCTIONS TO ADJUTANT GENERAL HUNTINGTON

[9:113]

To Ebenezer Huntington Esquire Adjutant General of the State of Connecticut — Greeting — —

The proposed fifth brigade of Militia will contain the following regiments comprizing the towns and parishes assigned to them respectively — towit — The 5 Reg^{t} includes the towns of Windham, Hampton, Canterbury, Brooklyn, Plainfield, Sterling & the South society of Killingly — — The 11th reg^{t} includes the towns of Pomfret, Woodstock, Union, Thompson, & Killingly excepting the south society

The 19th reg^{t} includes the towns of Tolland, Enfield, Somers, Stafford Ellington & Vernon

The 23^{d} reg^{t} includes the towns of Ashford, Mansfield, Willington, Coventry, Columbia & Bolton

You are requested as soon as may be to form the foregoing regiments into the number of companies required by law — that is to say each regiment into two battalions of five companies each including one company of grenadiers or light Infantry if such there are — but if more than two enlisted companies of infantry shall be found within the limits of any regiment they may be retained, if they desire it, as flank companies agreeably to a late resolution of the legislature, without diminishing the number of battalion companies — You will take care to allow each town at least one company of infantry whether it contains a complement of men or not — and you will extend the same indulgence also in every practicable case to each located Society; making consolidations of companies where necessary in such societies as may already have more than one company within their limits — If there are more located Societies within the bounds of a regiment than the number of companies allowed by law, you may unite two societies for the purpose of forming a company, but in such cases let the meetings for ordinary military duty be alternate, so as in no instance to break up entirely the only place of parade in any located Society —

In assigning new limits to companies (which should be done

in as few cases as possible) you will consult not only the officers thereof but the principal inhabitants also within the proposed limits of the company relative to its bounderies — which should be accurately defined for record — The battalion companies are to be numbered according to their seniority, & the flank companies posted by the same rule — Where companies are consolidated you will observe that the whole number of non-commissioned officers are to be retained & do duty as such agreeably to the late resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly — — You will direct the Commandants of the present regiments within the proposed limits to obtain from the field & commissioned officers & furnish you with their election whether to remain in service or to retire from it conformably to the terms of the resolution just mentioned — and you will assign the field & commissioned officers to the regiments & companies accordingly, allowing the Commandants of the respective regiments to select their staff from those now in service — You will feel the importance of exercising great caution & prudence in the discharge of this delicate as well as difficult undertaking & will report your proceedings at as early a day as may be convenient

Dated at HARTFORD the 30th day of May 1816

J. C. S. Cap[t] Gen[l]

To Major General Ebenezer Huntington Adjutant General of the State of Connecticut — Greeting —

The proposed third brigade of militia will contain the following regiments comprizing the towns & societies assigned to them respectively — towit — *Third* Regiment, New London, Lyme, Montville, Waterford, Millington society in East Haddam, and the society of New-Salem in Colchester — *Eighth* regiment, Groton, Stonington North Stonington and Voluntown — *Eighteenth* regiment, Norwich, Bozrah, Franklin, Griswold, Lisbon, Lebanon and Preston — *twentieth* regiment, Chatham, Colchester excepting the society of New Salem, East Haddam excepting the society of Millington, Hebron, Marlborough, and that part of Haddam which lies on the east side of Connecticut river — You are requested to form the foregoing regiments into the number of companies required by law, and to complete as

far as possible the entire organization of the brigade. In the discharge of this duty you will conform in all respects to the instructions you received from me under date of the 30th ultimo relative to the formation of companies &c in the proposed fifth brigade, and will report your proceedings herein at as early a day as may be convenient —

Dated at SHARON the 6th day of June 1816 —

J. C. SMITH Capt. Genl

The Same order (verbatim) dated 8th June 1816 to the Adjutant General to form the 2nd brigade — towit — *Second* regiment, New Haven, Milford, Derby, East Haven, the society of Amity in Woodbridge and Oxford (and the Society of East Plains in Hamden) — *Seventh* regiment — Durham, Killingworth, Saybrook, and Haddam excepting that part of it which lies on the east side of Connecticut river — *Tenth* regiment, Branford, Guilford, North Haven and Wallingford — *Twenty Second* regiment, (Oxford), Waterbury, Wolcott, Cheshire, Meriden, Hamden & the Society of Bethany in Woodbridge (and the Society of Mount Carmel in Hamden) —

[Endorsed] Instructions to the Adjt General to form companies in 5th Brigade &c 3d brigade and 2nd brigade —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

[9:114]

SHARON 6. June 1816 —

Dr Sir —

A few days before my departure from Hartford I received an application from the 10th comp. 7th regiment Jeremiah K. Post captain to be formed into a company of Riflemen — It is the west company in the Society of Pettipauge, and from the best information I can obtain particularly from Col. Geo. W. Jewett there must be a reduction of one of the companies in that society — He advises that the application be granted — especially as the other company will be sufficiently large & inasmuch too as the association from Chester could not be accepted — This is

small, 35 in number only but I understand recruits maybe obtained in the vicinity to make it respectable without injury to other companies — Will you have the goodness to inquire into the circumstances & favour me with you opinion thereon? — I cannot receive them *as a company already furnished with officers* which the law allows me to do only in the case of state-troops. If I accept the association there will be a new choice & the present officers must of course run their chance of being reelected —

I subjoin for your information a list of the Rifle companies already accepted — Many applications from the militia infantry have been rejected (probably enough to have filled the corps) on grounds equally solid with those which existed in the case from Staddle-Hill in your vicinity — You will perceive that many companies still remain of the state troops — *They* are the materials we want, & I both hope & expect that under your auspices we shall yet obtain them — I sincerely rejoice that the Legislature have furnished me with so able a coadjutor & you will accordingly excuse me if I avail myself of the privilege to its full extent —

The *Uniform* of the Rifle-corps will be that of the infantry of the late state troops. If you wish your own to be varied in any particular you shall be gratified —

As soon as you have satisfied yourself as to the form & dimensions of the Rifle, be pleased to favour me with your opinion upon that subject —

I am Dr Sir very sincerely your
friend & obt Sert —

Genl Whittelsey —
[Endorsed] Genl. C. Whittelsey 6. June 1816 —

JOHN COTTON SMITH TO CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY

[9:115]

Sharon 8. June 1816 —

Dr Sir —

Since writing you on the 6th inst. the captain & lieutenant

of the Rifle company at Litchfield have presented me the urgent request of their men for a small variation in the uniform of that corps — towit —

1. The coat of the late state troops with *green* collar, cuffs, & button holes instead of red & shirts turned up with green — instead of *white* —
2. Pantaloons trimmed with *green* instead of *red* —
3. A *Green* cord & tape to the cap instead of *white*
4. Boottees in stead of gaiters —

I have informed these gentlemen that altho' no Gen[l] order has issued on the subject of a uniform — still that there seems to have been a general desire manifested by the late State troops who have become riflemen to retain their uniform & that I have encouraged them in the belief that no material alteration would take place — That I should therefore be averse to any considerable change without first ascertaining the wishes of the corps in that respect —

Green I believe has been deemed an appropriate colour for Rifleman — and if the modification proposed which would not be very expensive should meet their approbation generally I can have no objection to it — — Can you without much inconvenience sound the feelings of the corps upon this point & favour me with the result? — When you forward your opinion respecting the length & bore of the rifle, be pleased to state what you deem the other necessary equipment? — Do you prefer the powderhorn to the flask — or is the law so explicit in the case as to leave us no election — *

*must not instructions be given relative to the exercise & evolution of the corps? You see I am giving you much trouble —

The non commissioned officers I find are somewhat disappointed that they can receive no warrants until the Colonels are designated —

But I know not how the evil is to be remedied —

I am &[c] — — —

Gen[l] Whittelsey

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